



# A World Made for the Right Hand

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Pick up a pair of scissors with your left hand and try to cut a straight line. It is not easy, right? Many left-handed people feel like this every day. About 7 to 10 percent of people in the world are left-handed. August 13 is International Left-Handers Day, a day to think about them.



音声を聞こう

② An American man named Dean R. Campbell started the day in 1976. He wanted people to understand the problems of left-handers. Desks, scissors, and kitchen tools are often made for the right hand. In Japan, most sushi knives are made for the right hand, too. He also wanted schools to help left-handed children.

③ For a long time, many people thought the left hand was bad. The English word sinister means evil, but in Latin it simply meant left. Teachers often made left-handed children write with their right hand. Even King George VI of Britain had to write with his right hand as a boy. In 1932, only 2.1 percent of Americans wrote with their left hand. By 1972, the number was over 11 percent, because schools stopped changing left-handed children.

④ In some sports, being left-handed can help. About half of all fencers are left-handed. In baseball, a left-handed pitcher is called a southpaw. Many players are not used to playing against left-handers. So on August 13, look around you. Is there anything you can change to help a left-handed friend?

## Words 単語

**left-handed** 左利きの

**scissors** はさみ

**straight** まっすぐな

**tool** 道具

**sinister** 不吉な、邪悪な

**evil** 邪悪な、悪い

**southpaw** サウスパー、左利きの選手

**be used to** ～に慣れている



## Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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### 1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Left-handed people should use their right hand.
- (B) Left-handed people have problems and strengths, and we can help them.
- (C) Only Americans are left-handed.
- (D) Scissors were made in 1976.

### 2. Who started International Left-Handers Day?

- (A) A Japanese teacher
- (B) A baseball pitcher
- (C) A Roman writer
- (D) Dean R. Campbell

### 3. Why did the number of left-handed writers in America grow by 1972?

- (A) Because schools stopped changing left-handed children
- (B) Because more babies were born
- (C) Because new scissors were made
- (D) Because of baseball

### 4. In paragraph 3, "sinister" in Latin simply meant:

- (A) evil
- (B) right
- (C) left
- (D) lucky

### 5. In the dialogue, why does Hana say batters must hate playing against Jack?

- (A) Because Jack is very tall
- (B) Because Jack is a left-handed pitcher
- (C) Because Jack uses special scissors
- (D) Because Jack is new at school

### True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| About half of the people in the world are left-handed. | T / F |
| International Left-Handers Day started in 1976.        | T / F |
| In Latin, sinister meant left.                         | T / F |
| Left-handed players never do well in sports.           | T / F |



## Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



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● hand



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● pencil



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● baseball



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● fencing



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● scissors



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● tennis

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで ( ) に入れよう。

pair

left-handed

straight

noisy

orange

scissors

line

class

### Mika's New Scissors

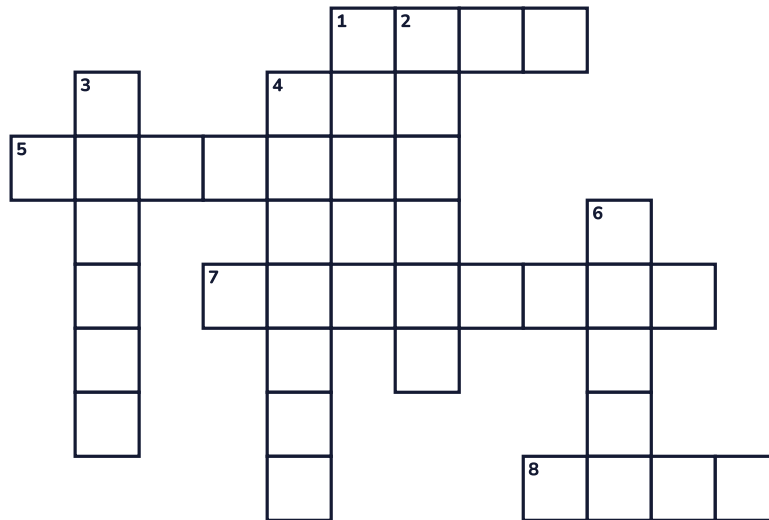
Mika is (1) \_\_\_\_\_. At school, she cannot cut paper well with the class (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Her line is never (3) \_\_\_\_\_. One day, her teacher gives her a new (4) \_\_\_\_\_. "These are for lefties," he says. Mika tries them. "Wow, I can see the (5) \_\_\_\_\_!" she says. Now she loves art (6) \_\_\_\_\_.



## Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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### Across →

- 1 You have five fingers on each one. (4)
- 5 A sport with long thin swords. (7)
- 7 A tool for cutting paper. (8)
- 8 The opposite of right. (4)

### Down ↓

- 2 The eighth month of the year. (6)
- 3 You use it to draw and write. It has an eraser. (6)
- 4 The baseball player who throws the ball to the batter. (7)
- 6 You do this with a pen. (5)



# Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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## Find these words! 10

- ☐ FENCING
- ☐ HAND
- ☐ LEFT
- ☐ LEFTY
- ☐ PENCIL
- ☐ PITCHER
- ☐ RIGHT
- ☐ SCISSORS
- ☐ TENNIS
- ☐ WRITE

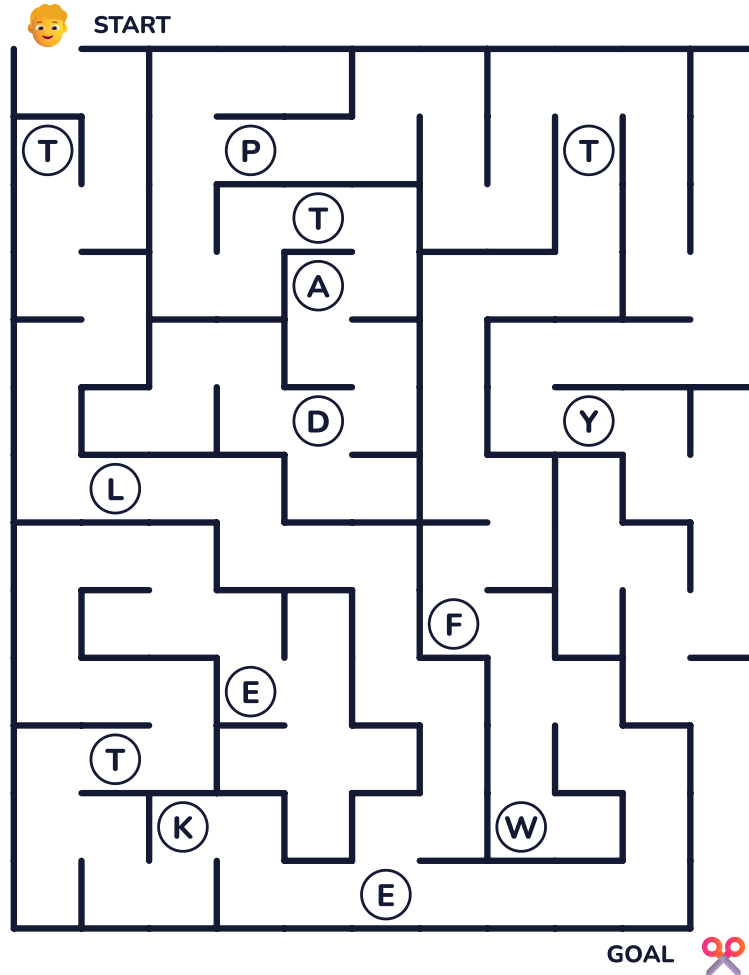


## Maze & Sentences

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Help the boy find the left-handed scissors!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: \_\_\_\_\_



## Class Activity & Writing

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

I use my \_\_\_\_\_ hand to write. One thing that is hard for me is \_\_\_\_\_.

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To help left-handed people, I think we should \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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hand



scissors



pencil



baseball



tennis

Draw your International Left-Handers Day! 国際左利きの日の絵を描こう。