



The heart is on the left side of the body.

Hundreds of years ago, soldiers fought with swords.

They used shields to protect their hearts.

The shields were naturally held in the left hand.



The sword was therefore held in the right hand.

So it was natural to **put the sword away on the left side** of the body.



If you have a sword hanging down on the left, which side do you get on a horse from? Not from the horse's right.

You always get on from the horse's left.

So getting on to a horse from its left, which side of the road do you stand on? Not on the right. You stand on the left-hand side of the road, get on the horse in comfort, and ride away on the left. It's logical.



But why do foreigners drive on the right?

Because of Napoleon!



Mind the pronunciation of **sword**: so:rd

Who had horses in the 18th century?	The poor people.	The rich people
On which side of the street did they usually ride?	On the right.	On the left.
What happened in France in 1789?	An earthquake.	The French Revolution.
Who left then the country?	The rich, the aristocrats.	The poor, the working class.
What did the new government change?	Nothing.	Everything
What did Napoleon do whenever he wasn't at war?	New laws.	Collect stamps.
What did the new French law say about driving on a road?	Keep to the right.	Keep to the left.
What countries did Napoleon conquer?	England.	The whole Continent.
What did Napoleon bring to the conquered countries?	The new laws.	Gold and silver.
Could Napoleon conquer England?	Yes, he could.	No, he couldn't.
What people are famous for their conservatism?	The Britons.	The Italians.