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There are many people in the world with blond hair or brown hair, but only 2% of people in the world naturally have what is called "red" hair. People with this hair color are called redheads. Most of the redheads in the world come from Western Europe: 17% come from Scotland in the United Kingdom. People with red hair have a special gene that makes this hair color. Here are some fun facts about redheads:



The most common eye color for redheads is brown. People with red hair and blue or green eyes are quite unusual.

Redheads have less hair than people with other hair colors, but this does not mean that they go bald more often!

People with red hair never go gray when they grow old. Their hair usually goes white.

Redheads are often left-handed.

Scientific studies show that bees love red hair! This is probably because red hair looks like bright flowers or honey.



Did you know that there are many famous people from history who had red hair? Vincent van Gogh, Antonio Vivaldi, and Queen Elizabeth I were all famous redheads, and some people even say that Cleopatra had red hair.

Look at the pictures. What body part is the text about? _____

Read the text. Are redheads common? _____

Read the text again. Choose the best option to complete the statements.

1 of the redheads in the world come from Scotland.

2. Special make hair red.

3. Most redheads have eyes.

4 People with brown hair have hair than redheads.

5 When people with red hair grow old, their hair goes

6 Bees red hair.