



Why Are People So Clumsy?

What makes one person have more 1. [redacted] than other? Most people would say that it has to do with taking risk. 2. [redacted] risks mean fewer accidents. But is taking risks really a matter of 3. [redacted]?

Some experts believe that whether or not you take risks in life has nothing to do with your 4. [redacted] and, some believe, with your birth order. Parents are often 5. [redacted] and more careful with their first child, and so first-born children 6. [redacted] to grow up taking fewer risks and being more 7. [redacted]. Parents are often more relaxed with a second or third child, so these children tend to take more risks.



But why do children tend to be more accident-prone than adults? During childhood and 8. [redacted], the body grows very quickly. There seem to be periods in these years when our brain and body are at different 9. [redacted] of development. Our arms are longer than the brain thinks they are, so we knock things 10. [redacted]; our legs are longer than the brain believes so we trip over easily.

Another 11. [redacted] has been offered by scientists in Spain who have found a possible 12. [redacted] between the number of hours a child watches TV and how accident-prone they are. The research suggests that the more time a child spends watching TV, the less they are 13. [redacted] their physical coordination skills. If a child doesn't run around a lot, they don't begin to 14. [redacted] that the world is full

of physical risks. Watching cartoons and action-adventure films doesn't help either. It gives the child a false 15. [] of how the world works and of how much danger it 16. []



So what about adults? Some studies have shown that left-handed people are more accident-prone than right-handed people. Why the 17. []? No one knows for sure. One theory is that we live in a right-handed world. Everything - from cars to door handles, from children's toys to engineering 18. [] and equipment - is made by right-handed people for right-handed people. So left-handed children and adults are more 19. [] to have accidents because the modern world is not 20. [] for them.

I. A disasters	B mistakes	C incidents	D accidents
2. A Fewer	B Smaller	C Less	D Little
3. A selection	B range	C preference	D choice
4. A maturity	B middle age	C upbringing	D infancy
5. A stricter	B more severe	C closer	D more exact
6. A retreat	B tend	C threaten	D inclined
7. A reckless	B cautious	C ready	D guarded
8. A adolescence	B teens	C upbringing	D education
9. A stages	B parts	C steps	D points
10. A over	B under	C off	D out
II. A description	B exclamation	C declaration	D explanation
12. A tie	B link	C relationship	D bond
13. A widening	B advancing	C developing	D creating
14. A understand	B value	C mean	D work out
15. A sense	B meaning	C mind	D education
16. A limits	B controls	C includes	D contains
17. A modification	B difference	C amendment	D change
18. A means	B schemes	C systems	D tools
19. A accepted	B likely	C possible	D expected
20. A planned	B organized	C designed	D proposed