

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 hold in the right**



hand. So it was natural to **put the sword away on the left side** of the body. If you have a

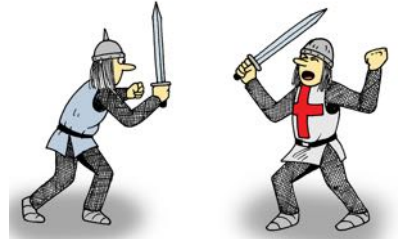


sword hanging down on the left, which side do you get on a horse from? Not from the horse's right.

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!



Besondere Aussprache von **sword**: *so:rd*

Translate:

Reiche Leute hatten Pferde und ritten auf der linken Seite.

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1789 fand die Französische Revolution statt.

Die reichen Leute verließen das Land.

Die Franzosen machten viele neue Gesetze.

Diese Gesetze waren anders als vorher.

In Frankreich ritt man nun auf der rechten Seite.

Napoleon eroberte (conquer) fast ganz Europa.

Er brachte den Ländern die neuen Gesetze.

England konnte er nicht erobern.