Ever wished you had red hair? Some factoids:

Redheads constitute ~4% of the European population. Scotland has the highest proportion of redheads, 13%, and ~40% carries the recessive redhead gene. Ireland and Wales come in second, with as many as 10% of their populations sporting red hair. It is estimated that 46% of the Irish population carries the recessive redhead gene.

Beyond Europe, red-hair is found commonly amongst Ashkenazi Jews and occasionally among the Berbers of Morocco and northern Algeria. Further east, tinges of red hair are found sporadically in North India, Iran and the Levant, and have even been known to occur in Japan and the South Pacific on very rare occasions. In the US, 2-6% of the population has red hair.

In modern-day Britain, the words "ginger" or "ginga" are sometimes derogatorily used to describe red-heads, a prejudice stemming from a historic belief among the English in Irish ethnic inferiority. The current media calls this "gingerophobia" (fear of redheads) or "gingerism" (prejudice against redheads). Though widely disputed, gingerism has been compared to racism. A UK woman recently won an award from a tribunal after being sexually harassed and receiving abuse because of her red hair while a family in England was forced to move twice after being targeted for abuse and hate crime on account of their red hair.

Rumors of red-hair’s eventual extinction surfaced in the late 2000s. Blogs ran stories attributing the research to the "Oxford Hair Foundation". However, it has been alleged that the foundation was funded by hair-dye maker Proctor & Gamble. Other experts dismiss the research as ridiculous.

In a celebration of their uniqueness, Dutch red-heads have created Redheadday a Dutch festival which takes place the first weekend of September. The two-day festival is a gathering of natural red heads, but is also focused on art related to the color red. The festival attracts attendance from thousands of genuine redheads from 20 countries and is free due to sponsorship of the local government.

- Nearly all uses of the phrase “trick-or-treat” before 1940 originate from the west coast of the United States and Canada. Trick-or-treating spread from eastward from the west coast but stalled by sugar rationing that began in April 1942 during WWII and did not end until 1947. From the mid-1930s to the mid-1950s, adults typically viewed trick-or-treating as extortion.
- For Halloween 1948, members of the Madison Square Boys Club in NYC carried a parade banner that read "American Boys Don't Beg."
- Until the 1990s, Irish children said "Help the Halloween Party," but are now influenced by American pop culture to say "trick or treat"
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• Rain hair
• When cashiers open up new check-out lanes at the grocery store
• When someone tells you that you have something in your teeth
• Spending all your money on candy
• Your pillow
• Terrible businesses run by children
• The smell of rain on a hot sidewalk
• Adrenaline
• The first scoop out of a jar of peanut butter
• Wearing sandals when you shouldn’t be wearing sandals
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