

<http://www.holycrosslivonia.org/amish/origin.htm>

**1. What does the word Amish mean?**

Amish are a group of traditionalist Christian church fellowships that form a subgroup of the [Mennonite](#) churches. The Amish are known for [simple living](#), [plain dress](#), and reluctance to adopt many [conveniences of modern technology](#).

**2. Why do the Amish people have hardly any unemployment?**

The Amish do not usually educate their children past the eighth grade, believing that the basic knowledge offered up to that point is sufficient to prepare for one's lifestyle, therefore almost no Amish go to high school and college. Because of this, their knowledge are not to the standard that modern workplace need.

**3. What kind of schooling do the Amish give their children?**

In many communities, the Amish operate their own schools, which are typically one-room schoolhouses with teachers (young unmarried women)

**4. What languages do Amish traditionally speak?**

Most Old Order Amish speak Pennsylvania Dutch. According to one scholar "today, almost all Amish are functionally bilingual in Pennsylvania Dutch and English, however, domains of usage are sharply separated. Pennsylvania Dutch dominates in most in-group settings, such as the dinner table and preaching in church service. In contrast, English is used for most reading and writing interactions with non-Amish. They often speak German at school.

<http://www.regent.edu/acad/schcom/rojc/mdic/amish.html>

**Why have the Amish people rejected telecommunication?**

The Old Order Amish tend to restrict telephone use, as it is viewed by some as interfering with separation from the world. By bringing the outside world into the home, it is an intrusion into the privacy and sanctity of the family, and interferes with social community by eliminating face-to-face communication.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shunning>

**What does it mean to be shunned?**

Shunned (social rejection) is when a person or group deliberately avoids association with, and habitually keeps away from an individual or group.

<http://plainlydressed.com/>

**Describe how Amish girls and women dress.**

Specializing in traditional Amish, Mennonite, Plain clothing styles and other Modest Christian clothing options for the whole family. Hair never cut and must be in a bun, arms, legs and neck all covered up with clothes.

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Amish-Dress&id=603294>

#### **Why do Amish people dress in a particular way?**

- Amish clothing is very symbolic of the spiritual beliefs of the Amish as a people, as is virtually everything else about their lifestyle. – to be plain and have service to god, deep faith.
- It is a symbol of the Amish faith, the traditional, often very modest Amish apparel represents the world in which Amish people live (which is a different kind of world) which is part of the core belief systems of the community.

<http://www.amishstuffstore.com/amishclothing.html>

<http://images.google.com/images?hl=en&safe=active&rls=com.microsoft%3Aen-us&um=1&sa=1&q=amish+men&aq=f&oq=&aqi=&start=0>

#### **Describe how Amish men and boys dress.**

Buttons not allowed, simple and straight-cut suits made of reasonable materials, easy to wash and without fancy creases on the trouser, cuffs.