

# Why Do We Have Eyebrows and Other Types of Facial Hair?

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We humans seem to have an on-again, off-again relationship with facial hair.

[Prehistoric cave drawings](#) reveal the myriad tools our ancient ancestors used to shave: shark's teeth, sharpened flints and even clam shells. Nowadays, beards are back in style and people are [taking a razor to their brows](#), instead.

But is there a reason we evolved to have these hairy baubles in the first place? And, if so, what evolutionary advantage might we be throwing away for the sake of [staying on trend](#)?

Turns out, researchers have a lot to say on the matter. Get their answers to why we have eyebrows, what eyelashes are for and why we grow beards.

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