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Focus Question

What are twins, and how are they special?



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Introduction

Did you know that a brother
or sister can be the same age?
They can even look the same.
This can happen when they
are **twins**.

Double Trouble

Twins grow in their mother's body at the same time.

Twins can be two brothers or two sisters.

They can also be a brother and a sister.

Twins can look alike or different from each other.



Today, mothers are more likely to have twins. Twins are also more common in certain families.



Identical twins may like the same types of food or clothes.

Identical Twins

Identical twins often look alike.

They have to be two girls or two boys.

It can be hard to tell identical twins apart.

Some identical twins look so alike that they can change places with each other.

No one can tell them apart!



About one in every four sets of identical twins are mirror twins.

When some identical twins **face** each other, it is like looking in a mirror.

The twins may have a freckle or hair part on **opposite** sides of their bodies.

Fingerprints

Fingerprints are patterns on the tips of your fingers. Identical twins can look very alike, but their fingerprints are always different.



Identical twins may like the same things and act the same way.
They can also like different things and act in different ways.



Identical twins may spend a lot of time together if they like to do the same things.



Fraternal twins are more common than identical twins.
Boy-girl twins are the most common kind of twin pair.

Fraternal Twins

Fraternal twins can be two boys
or two girls.

They can also be a girl and a boy.

Fraternal twins may look alike.
They can also look very different
from each other.



Fraternal twins are like regular brothers or sisters who
happen to have been born at the same time.



As fraternal twins grow up, they often find that they enjoy different things.

It is more common for fraternal twins to act differently from each other.

They may act the same way because they grow up together.



Twins have a bond as babies because they do everything together.

The Twins Bond

Twins often have a special **bond**.
The bond may form because they
are carried in the mother's body
together.



Once twins learn how to talk, they will usually stop using made-up words.

Twins like to be near each other after they are born.

They may make up words to talk with each other.

Twins Day

Each summer, many twins travel to Twinsburg, Ohio. Most of them dress identically and spend the day celebrating Twins Day. Twins Day is the biggest yearly gathering of twins in the world!





Identical twins look almost exactly the same (top), while fraternal twins usually look different (bottom).

Awesome Twosomes

Only some twins look and act almost exactly the same.

Other twins can like or not like the same things.

Some twins look and act very different.

Fraternal



Identical



Twins are not the same person
split in two.

Each twin is one of a kind.

Glossary

bond (<i>n.</i>)	a strong feeling of connection or friendship (p. 12)
face (<i>v.</i>)	to be positioned or pointed toward someone or something (p. 7)
fraternal twins (<i>n.</i>)	twins who do not look exactly alike (p. 9)
identical twins (<i>n.</i>)	twins who look exactly alike (p. 6)
opposite (<i>adj.</i>)	located across or on the other side from something or someone else (p. 7)
twins (<i>n.</i>)	two babies born in one birth (p. 4)

Words to Know

bond

identical twins

face

opposite

fraternal twins

twins

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Writing

Make a Venn diagram comparing the two types of twins: *fraternal* and *identical*. Write a paragraph explaining the difference between the twin types.

Science

Compare your fingerprints to those of your classmates. How are they the same and different? Discuss with a partner the benefits of everyone having different fingerprints.



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