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You want to find out more about family relationships. You have found a film synopsis about a documentary. Read the film synopsis.

Text 1 Film synopsis

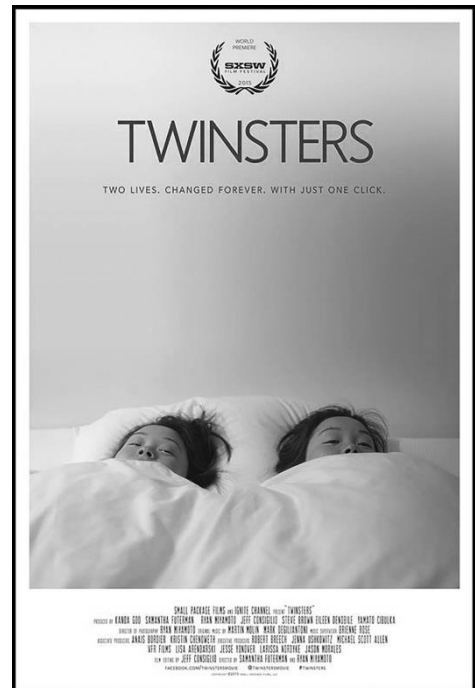
Twinsters

Year: 2015

Running time: 81 minutes

Genre: Documentary

- ① Picture this! You are just casually browsing through videos on YouTube. All of a sudden, you see someone who looks exactly like you. You are both even the same age and have the same haircut! The only difference is that the two of you live in completely different countries, speak entirely different languages, and have never seen each other before.



- ② This is exactly what happened to Anaïs Bordier in this uplifting documentary. Anaïs, a fashion designer based in London, was raised in France. Her parents adopted her from South Korea when she was a baby. One day, a friend sent Anaïs a link to a YouTube video. It starred a woman who looked weirdly like her! Anaïs discovered that her doppelgänger was an American actress named Samantha Futerman. Samantha shared her birthday. She was even adopted from the same city, Busan, in South Korea! It seemed impossible that they were twins because her adoption papers did not state this. However, Anaïs had a strong gut feeling that they might be related somehow. She was feeling very anxious yet excited when she sent Samantha a Facebook message.

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3 Samantha was just as astonished as Anaïs when she noticed their eerie resemblance.
25 Curious, she friended Anaïs on Facebook. They began chatting. They immediately clicked and discovered that they were like two peas in a pod! They had very similar personalities. They even had the same hairstyle, the same laugh and both hated carrots! All of their friends were startled by their resemblance. Therefore, the two decided to meet in person.

4 Upon their initial meeting in person in London, Anaïs
30 and Samantha immediately felt at home with one another. Their similarities were so amazing that they could easily be the same person. This made the slight differences between them even more fascinating. Samantha, for example, was more outgoing since she
35 grew up with three older brothers. Anaïs was more introverted, as she was raised an only child.

5 Back in America, the girls decided to take a DNA test to settle the question on everyone's mind. The doctor who performed the test warned the girls not to get their
40 hopes up while they were waiting. After all, the chances were slim that a set of twins could be separated for 25 years, only to be reunited through a chance online connection. This was real life after all. This was not some heart-warming Hollywood film. However, they did get
45 their fairy-tale ending when the DNA results came back. They really were long-lost twins who had found each other through the magic of social media. The reunited twins have since spent a great deal of time together. They even visited their birthplace. They proved that
50 sometimes truth can be stranger than fiction!



Further simplified reading and comprehension

Unit 2

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Comprehension 1 *Your sister is asking you some questions about 'Twinsters'. Answer her questions using information from the film synopsis. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 Complete the sentence.

Anaïs was adopted when _____
_____.

2 How did Anaïs first find out about Samantha?

3 Complete the following table about Anaïs and Samantha.

	Anaïs	Samantha
Occupation	(i)	(ii)
Grew up in	(iii)	(iv)
Born in	(v)	

4 Why did Anaïs think it was unlikely that she had a twin?

5 Find a word in paragraph 2 that means 'someone who looks just like you'.

6 Anaïs felt 'anxious yet excited' (line 22) when she first contacted Samantha because _____.

☐ A she was afraid of talking to strangers

☐ B she hoped they were related but didn't know how Samantha might feel about her message

☐ C she knew they were related and knew Samantha would be excited to see her

☐ D she can't wait to chat to Samantha

7 Name THREE similarities between Anaïs and Samantha mentioned in paragraph 3.

i) _____
ii) _____
iii) _____

8 Which of the following best matches the meaning of the expression 'felt at home' in line 30?

☐ A felt accepted and comfortable

☐ B acted like family members

☐ C shared a house

☐ D had a lot to talk about

9 According to the text, how did growing up with three brothers affect Samantha?

☐ A It made her like sports more

☐ B It made her more outgoing

☐ C It made her more independent

☐ D It made her like video games more

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- 10 What does the writer mean when he or she says 'truth can be stranger than fiction' (line 50)?

- 11 According to paragraphs 4 and 5, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Anaïs and Samantha met in Samantha's hometown.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The doctor was certain the girls were twins before the test results came back.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) The twins had a great time when they visited their birthplace together.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 12 Match the following subheadings to each paragraph in the film synopsis. Write the paragraph number next to each subheading.

Subheadings	Paragraph
i) Happily ever after	_____
ii) Face to face at last	_____
iii) A startling discovery	_____
iv) Can you imagine?	_____
v) Getting to know each other	_____

- 13 You are writing a short story loosely based on *Twinsters*. Complete the story using words from the film synopsis. Use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure the words are grammatically correct.

Alison and her sister Tanya are very close. Yet, they look very different and have little (i) _____ (n., paragraph 3) to each other. This is because they were adopted and are not (ii) _____ (v., paragraph 2) by blood.

One day, Tanya finds a photo of a girl from the other side of the world that looks just like Alison. Tanya feels extremely (iii) _____ (adj., paragraph 3), and keeps staring at the photo. The girl looks absolutely identical to Alison. It is such a/an (iv) _____ (adj., paragraph 3) situation! Tanya contacts the girl and finds that she is very shy, which is the complete opposite of the talkative Alison!

However, Tanya gets a/an (v) _____ (n., paragraph 2) that this girl might be Alison's twin. She decides to tell Alison. It turns out she is right! The twins are (vi) _____ (v., paragraph 5)! Now Tanya has two sisters instead of one!