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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

 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.





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 starring a woman who looked weirdly like her! Anaïs

15 discovered that her doppelgänger was an American actress named Samantha Futerman. Samantha shared her birthday and was even adopted from the same city, Busan, in South Korea! It seemed impossible that they were twins because her adoption papers did not

20 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 and they began chatting. They immediately clicked and discovered that they were like two peas in a pod! They had very similar personalities and 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.

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

Back in America, the girls decided to take a DNA test to settle the question on everyone's mind. The doctor
40 who performed the test warned the girls not to get their 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 and not some
- 45 heart-warming Hollywood film. However, they did get 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 and
- 50 even visited their birthplace, proving that sometimes truth can be stranger than fiction!



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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 When was Anaïs adopted?
 - O A when she was a baby
 - O B when she was a toddler
 - O C when she was in Primary school
 - O D when she was a teenager
- 2 How did Anaïs first find out about Samantha?
- Complete the following table about 3 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'.

Why do you think Anaïs felt 'anxious 6 yet excited' (line 22) when she first contacted Samantha?

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

- 8 Which of the following best matches the meaning of the expression 'felt at home' in line 31?
 - O A felt accepted and comfortable
 - O B acted like family members
 - O C shared a house
 - O D had a lot to talk about
- 9 According to the text, how did growing up with three brothers affect Samantha?
 - O A It made her like sports more.
 - O B It made her more outgoing.
 - O C It made her more independent.
 - O DIt 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 51)?

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

	Statements	Т	F	NG
i)	Anaïs and Samantha met in Samantha's hometown.	0	0	0
ii)	The doctor was certain the girls were twins before the test results came back.	0	0	0
iii)	The twins had a great time when they visited their birthplace together.	0	0	0
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12 Match the following subheadings to each paragraph in the film synopsis. Write the paragraph number next to each subheading.

<u>Subheadings</u>		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 even though they look very different and bear little (i) (paragraph 3) to each other. This is because both of them were adopted, so they are not (ii) _____ (paragraph 2) by blood.

One day, Tanya happens to see a photo of a girl from the other side of the world that looks just like Alison. Tanya feels extremely (iii) ______ (paragraph 3), and cannot stop staring at the photo. The girl appears absolutely identical to Alison.

It is such a/an (iv) _____ (paragraph 3) situation! Tanya decides to contact the girl and finds that she is very shy, which is the complete opposite of the talkative Alison!

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