Finding my Twin Stranger

"I look in the mirror as little as I possibly can"

"Understandably, isn't it? With his features…"

These pairs might look alike but they're not identical twins they're strangers.

"I look at him like the cute version of me."

It's estimated for every face there are _____ matches somewhere in the world.

"He actually could do a murder and that one could take the blame."

Millions of people across the globe are now using _____ and _____ to search for their doppelgangers.

"Oh my god" "So weird".

This trend has grabbed the attention of a team of British scientists who are leaders in the field of twin studies.

"What we want to do is get these people in a _____ situation and say how close to twins can these people be."

They want to find out how physically alike these strangers really are.

"We're going to score for about 81 percent similarity" and see whether these similarities are more than skin-deep.

"You are related roughly of the order of fourth cousins".

_____ pairs of twin strangers have agreed to undertake a series of tests.

"I would have thought this is the same nose." "Are you sure you're not sisters?"

"I think it's the best I've seen so far: they've got the same eyes, same nose, same lips"

They're going to battle it out to see how far their similarities go.

"Sarah is a little bit competitive: she wants us to win."

"We don't actually think we look like much alike, but other people do."

"I think we have the strongest luck."

But who will be crowned the most _____ of them all?

"Who are you talking to?" "I'm Neil" "I'm sorry".

Pairs of doppelgangers from all over the world are meeting in London.

"Yeah, I think we look really alike, not far off twins, I suppose"

"My first name is actually William, but his first name is Billy and I've gone by Billy my whole life."

"I've always wanted a twin… I'm hoping they'd be just like me so we'd get on and we'd like to do the same things."

"I just signed up for a website for fun and suddenly I'm sitting here in a cab just waiting to meet my doppelganger… it's weird."

"Hi" "Hi, how are you?" "Good, how are you?" "So weird".

They've been invited to the Department of _____, King's College, _____.

"It's crazy, like me and Sarah definitely look 100% more alike than some of the actual twins here"

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"Very similar nose and cheeks and like shape of the eye… like even in Snapchat I'm like… whoa she looks like me there"

These identical strangers are here to take part in a unique scientific experiment that ultimately will find out which of them is the most identical. The experiment is led by one of the world's leading experts in twins, Professor Tim Spector. "Very little to tell in terms of the actual color between them."

Recently it's the world of doppelgangers that's caught Professor Spector's attention.

"I _____ this when on _____ this picture was posted of a couple of gingerhead gentlemen who happened to sit next to each other on an airplane, who looked to me like identical twins. The fact that two people with very different genes could come together through a whole series of biological events to create the impression of being a _____, I think is absolutely fascinating. People say I look a bit like Gary Lineker."

Professor Spector has carried out a series of tests on a pair of actual identical twins, one of twelve thousand sets on his books.

"These are very similar so you'd need computer programs to tell them apart."

"We have lovely eyes, Tim."

"I think they're mesmerizing." "thank you, Tim Spector."

Their results will be used as the benchmark to measure how identical the doppelganger pairs are. "The maximum score they could get would be like the identical twins, it would be about 90-95%". In the tests the pairs' faces will be compared in _____ "about 154 points on there" and using cutting-edge three-dimensional _____.

"I mean you could put one of those over the top of the other you'd hardly notice any difference."

Next, as humans read faces differently to computers, _____ people will rate how alike the doppelgangers are and finally a _____ to see if their similarities are down to more than chance.

"Do you think we are related?" "Maybe? Who knows?"

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