

Family



1. Look at the photo of some children from a village in India. What is special about them?

2. Work with a partner and answer the questions.

a) Why are people from Kodinhi not typical?

b) Are people in Kodinhi happy to have twins?

c) Why are there a lot of twins in Kodinhi?

3. Answer this question.

Do you have twins in your family? Are any of your friends twins? It's good or bad be a twin? Why?

TWIN VILLAGE

Kodinhi is a small village in Kerala in south India. It's a typical village, but **its** people are not typical. Two thousand families live here and 290 families have twins. In India seven babies in 1,000 are twins, but in Kodinhi, forty-five babies in 1,000 are twins.

Mohammed Rāshin's family is from Kodinhi. He and **his** wife have seven boys. Four of **their** sons are twins. Mohammed says, 'My wife and I are very happy with **our** family. Everyone in the village is happy.'

But why are there so many twins in Kodinhi? How is it possible? No one really has an answer, but the village doctor says it isn't genetic; he thinks it's something in the water or the food.

■ **typical** a good example of something that's usual, normal, average
■ **genetic** things that come from your parents, like blue eyes or brown hair



Look at the highlighted words in the article and complete the information in the Grammar focus box.

GRAMMAR FOCUS personal pronouns and possessive determiners

Personal pronoun	Possessive determiner
I	1 _____
you	your
he	2 _____
she	her
it	3 _____
we	4 _____
they	5 _____

Choose the correct options.

1. She / Her friends are Italian.
2. Where's you / your wife from?
3. I / My have a big family.
4. Are they / their twins?
5. He / His brother is a teacher.
6. This is we / our house.

Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

their his her our its my your

- 1 a They have a house in Kodinhi.
b Kodinhi is **their** home.
- 2 a We have seven children – all boys.
b All _____ children are boys.
- 3 a Mohammed and Suhara are the parents.
b Mohammed is the father; Suhara is _____ wife.
- 4 a You have a big family.
b _____ family is big.
- 5 a Suhara's friend has twin girls.
b _____ friend has twin girls.
- 6 a Many people know about the twins in Kodinhi.
b Kodinhi is famous for _____ twins.
- 7 a I have twin sisters.
b _____ sisters are twins.