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There are two things in life for which we are never truly prepared: Twins.
Josh Billings, American comedian

"I'm Jim." "So am I."

1 GRAMMAR *so, neither* + auxiliaries

a Complete the conversation with words from the box.

~~am~~ so would neither were

A Hi, Sue. What are you doing on Saturday?

B I'm going to that lecture on "finding out about your family."

A So 1 *am* I. I'm not sure how much we'll learn though.

B 2 _____ am I. But I want to learn more about my great-grandparents.

A 3 _____ do I. Mine were born at the end of the 19th century!

B So 4 _____ mine. Did they live here?

A Yes, they did. I'd love to find out more about other members of the family, too.

B So 5 _____ I. Let's go together. I'll pick you up at eight.

A OK. See you then.

b Respond to the statements. Use *So...* or *Neither....*

1 I love dancing.
So do I.

2 I hated our school uniform.
_____.

3 I don't have any money.
_____.

4 I'm not sure what the answer is.
_____.

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5 I can play the guitar.

_____.

6 I've only been there once.

_____.

7 I would love to go to Australia.

_____.

8 I went camping last year.

_____.

2 VOCABULARY similarities

Complete the text with words from the box.

as both (x2) like neither so (x2) ~~similar~~



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In our family, we all look fairly 1 *similar*. I have dark hair and dark eyes and 2_____ do my parents and brother and sister. My brother and sister 3_____ have big noses, and my mouth is exactly the same 4_____ my sister's.

I think I look 5_____ my mother – we are 6_____ pretty tall. We also like and dislike the same things. I love old books and 7_____ does she; I don't like sports and 8_____ does she. People often think we're sisters, not mother and daughter!

4 READING

a Read the interview and mark the sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).

1 Michelle is 18 years old. *F*

2 Catherine and Michelle are always together. ___

3 They have the same hobbies. ___

4 Catherine always knows how Michelle is feeling. ___

5 They like the same movies. ___

6 They live in the same city. ___

7 They're good at all the same things. ___

8 Catherine doesn't like having a twin sister. ___

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Catherine Orr is 19 and is a non-identical twin. She tells us about her relationship with her sister, Michelle.

Don't call us "the twins"!

How do you think it is different being a twin?

I think it's very different. We've been through exactly the same things: the same birthdays, the same parties, the same first day at school, the same evil math teacher.

Do you think you and Michelle are more similar than ordinary sisters?

Definitely. If I don't like a movie, then neither does she. We pick up the phone at the same time to call each other. If I get sick, so does she.

Do you get along well with Michelle now?

Yes, I see her about once a week, although it doesn't make much difference if we see each other or not. We always know how the other is feeling. I think it's hard not to be close when you have known someone your whole life.

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What were the best things about being a twin as a child? And now?

You have someone who knows you almost as well as you know yourself, someone who is experiencing all the same things as you. Now it's great because we have almost exactly the same memories. She is my memory sometimes.

What were the worst things?

People called us "the twins" as if we were one person – I hated that, and so did Michelle. Some people also used to save money and buy one birthday present for both of us! Also Michelle was good at sports and I was terrible – that was difficult for me.

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CAN YOU REMEMBER...?

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Complete each sentence with one word.

1. I've worked for this company _____ ten years.
2. How many movies _____ Quentin Tarantino made?
3. I didn't _____ to like jazz, but now I love it.
4. The *Sherlock Holmes* books were _____ by Arthur Conan Doyle.
5. We didn't do _____ on the weekend. We stayed at home.
6. The doctor said that I drink too _____ coffee.
7. It's very cold today. Put your coat _____.
8. **A** I love Paris. **B** _____ do I!

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