

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



Work with a partner and answer the questions.

- 1 Why are the people in Kodinhi not typical?
- 2 Are people in Kodinhi happy to have twins?
- 3 Why are there a lot of twins in Kodinhi?

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.