

Reading

Discussion

- What can you guess about the reading from the title? Read the first sentence and see if you were right.
- What are identical twins? Do you know any twins?
- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of being a twin?

Test Practice

Section B

Read the following newspaper story and answer all the questions.

Sisters Reunited after 28 Years

A television news story has led to the reunion of identical twin sisters who were separated at birth 28 years ago. Nina Rosario and Alicia Torres were born in 1980 in Mendoza, Argentina. Their mother, an unmarried 17-year-old, was unable to take care of the twins and left them at an orphanage.

The two girls were adopted by different families and grew up not knowing that they had a twin sister. However, they both had a feeling that something was missing. Nina says, "I felt lonely growing up but I didn't know why."

While Nina was doing some housework last week, something on a local news programme caught her eye. It was Alicia being interviewed by a reporter. "I couldn't believe it. It was like looking at a mirror." Nina immediately contacted the TV station, and asked the reporter about the mystery woman. "I found out that the woman was Alicia Torres, an artist from Buenos Aires.

I got her contact details from the reporter and sent her an e-mail with some photos of myself."

After receiving the e-mail, Alicia called Nina and arranged a meeting. The reunion took place at Cordoba Airport. "It was an incredible feeling to see my twin sister walking towards me. We hugged and cried from joy," recalls Alicia.

The twins were amazed that they shared so many life experiences; both had studied art at university and married young. In addition, they have the same sense of humour; in fact, they share the same favourite film – the comedy, *Wedding Crashers*.

Even though the sisters were happy to find that they have a lot in common, they were also relieved not to be "exact copies." Nina explains, "We look alike and have similar interests, yet we each have our own style. Alicia is more fashionable than me, more outgoing and sociable."



Test Practice

For full marks for questions 1–3 you must answer in complete sentences.

1. Why did the sisters' mother leave the girls at an orphanage?

2. Who did Nina get her sister's e-mail address from?

3. Where did the reunion take place?

For questions 4–8 tick the correct box.

4. The two sisters have little in common.

True False

5. Nina is not as fashionable as Alicia.

True False

6. How old are the sisters?

A. 17 B. 28 C. 31

7. What is Alicia's occupation?

A. Housewife B. Artist C. Teacher

8. Who is more sociable, Nina or Alicia?

A. They are equally sociable B. Alicia C. Nina

Synonyms and Antonyms

9. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **SAME** as:

meeting (paragraph 1) **stylish** (para. 6)

10. Find the words or phrase in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

different (para. 1) **received** (para. 3)

Phrases for talking about similarities

We look alike. We have similar interests. They have a lot in common.

They both studied art. They have the same sense of humour.