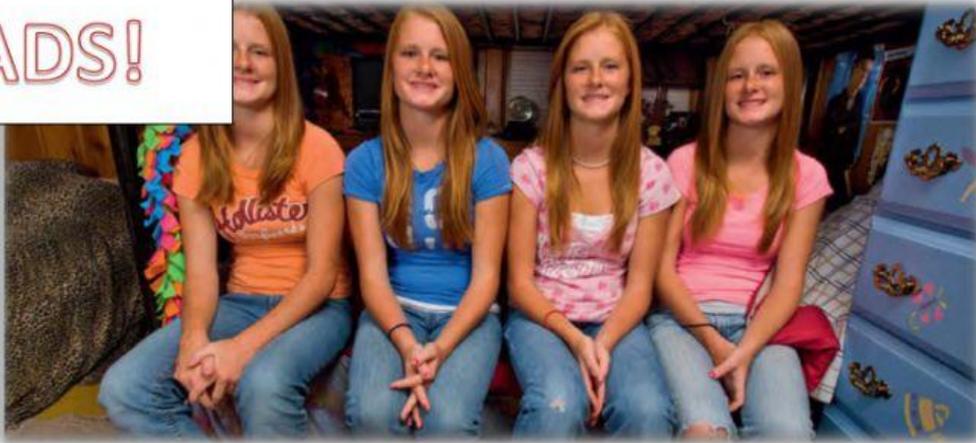


QUADS!



The Durst girls – Kendra, Megan, Calli and Sarah – from Buffalo, Minnesota, are extremely rare: they are identical quadruplets. There are only sixty sets of identical quads in the world, and the girls have been celebrities in the US since they were born, in February 1993. They have appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, and many other TV shows.

The girls look exactly the same – even they get confused and call each other the wrong name sometimes. All four have light brown hair and ‘thousands’ of freckles, and they are each about 150 cm tall. According to their English teacher, Alisa Ireland, ‘They are all beautiful. How is their mother going to cope ... with four beautiful teenage daughters?’

The girls also have similar sporting interests. All four play soccer, and Kendra, Megan and Sarah enjoy gymnastics, although Calli prefers basketball.

Check the *Words2know*. Who in the text do they describe: M (Megan), K (Kendra), C (Calli), S (Sarah) or A (all)?

Words ² know (1.30)

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| argumentative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| dominant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| popular | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| shy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| beautiful | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| sociable | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 150 cm tall | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| light brown hair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| freckles | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a strong personality | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The girls all have very strong personalities and their teacher says they are very dominant at school. ‘The quads are really popular, everyone wants to be their friend,’ says Alisa. ‘They’ve become real leaders in their class ... but they’re all so different!’

According to friends and family, these days they don’t agree about anything. Calli, the tomboy* of the family, is the most argumentative, apparently. Kendra is very ‘girly’, her sisters say, she always wants things to be clean and nice, and Megan is the most sociable – she loves make-up, clothes, going out and shopping. Sarah is the shyest and most sensitive of the four and she is also the nicest, according to her sisters.

‘We don’t think of ourselves as quadruplets,’ says Megan. ‘We think of ourselves as four sisters who were born on the same day.’

* A girl who likes traditionally ‘boyish’ activities, like climbing trees.

Read the text on page 22 and 23 in your books and choose the correct choice:

1. Why are the Durst girls rare?

- a) they are identical quadruplets
- b) they are similar but not identical
- c) they are the only identical quads in the world

2. What has happened to them because of this?

- a) they have met other quadruplets
- b) they have been on several entertainment programmes
- c) they have met celebrities

3. Do they have similar interests?

- a) the text doesn't mention it
- b) yes, they do!
- c) no, they don't!

4. Do the girls ever have problems knowing who is who?

- a) only when they are sleepy
- b) yes, even they get confused sometimes
- c) no, that is impossible among quadruplets!

5. How do the girls get on with the other students at school?

- a) they are disliked by most of their classmates
- b) they don't pay attention to them
- c) they have a lot of friends.

ADJECTIVES: PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS:

1) Match the definitions with the words below.

BALD _____

ELEGANT _____

GLAMOROUS _____

MEDIUM_LENGTH _____

PLUMP _____

ROUND _____

SCRUFFY _____

STRAIGHT _____

WAVY _____

1 attractive in a rich, exciting, wealthy way

2 (of hair) not long or short

3 a little fat (in a nice way)

4 dirty and untidy

5 shaped like a circle

6 (of hair) with curves, not straight

7 with a graceful and attractive appearance

8 (of hair) without curls or curves

9 with little or no hair on your head

ADJECTIVES: PERSONALITY TRAITS

Match the sentences to the adjectives below.

Ambitious ____

Bossy ____

Easy-going ____

Conscientious ____

Indecisive ____

Dynamic ____

Organized ____

Punctual ____

Self-centred ____

Sensitive. ____

1 'I'd like this one – no, that one. I'm not sure!'

2 'I always arrive at school at 8.55 exactly.'

3 'I don't mind. You can play music late at night if you want to.'

4 'I'm not interested in what anyone else says, the only thing that's important here is me!'

5 'I've made a list of thirty things to do before we go on holiday.'

6 'One day I want to be President!'

7 'I always cry when I see a sad film!'

8 'I'm not going out until I've finished my homework and done the washing-up.'

9 'I've got three jobs, I run for two hours every day and I'm writing a novel!'

10 'Don't argue with me!'



Check the words2know. Match the characteristics in the box to the definitions below.

Words 2 know (1.32)

ambitious bossy easy-going conscientious
indecisive dynamic organised ✓ punctual
self-centred sensitive

This person ...

- 1 does things in a careful, well-planned way. *organised*
- 2 always thinks about him/herself.
- 3 always tells other people what to do.
- 4 often arrives on time.
- 5 is easily upset.
- 6 always does a job well.
- 7 wants to be successful.
- 8 can't decide about things.
- 9 is very calm.
- 10 is full of energy and ideas.