17 **Listen and read. What are two types of twin?**

CONTENT WORDS

exactly fingerprint fraternal identical
look alike rare relationship survive



Twins and More!

1 Are your brothers and sisters older than you or younger than you? Sometimes brothers and sisters are exactly the same age. This happens when a mother has more than one baby at the same time. If there are two babies at the same time, we call them twins. Triplets means three babies and quadruplets means four babies!



2 One out of every 32 births is a pair of twins. One birth in every 625 is triplets, and quadruplets (four babies) and larger groups are quite rare. Only 1 in every 9,000 births is quadruplets. This is because it's more difficult for quadruplet babies to survive.

3 Do twins always look the same? The answer is no. There are two types of twin. Identical twins look exactly alike but other twins are called fraternal: they don't look alike. Fraternal twins are much more common than identical twins: only 30% of all twins are identical and 70% are fraternal. In larger birth groups, identical babies are very rare. For example, only 8% of triplets are identical and 92% are fraternal. And there is only a 1% chance of identical quadruplets, so more than 99% of them are fraternal.



4 So are identical babies completely identical? Again, the answer is no. The hair, eyes, character and even foot size for identical babies can be the same. However, they've got different fingerprints. Also, sometimes twins can be like a mirror, for example when one twin is left-handed and the other twin is right-handed.

5 In 2010, researchers in Padova, Italy, showed images of twins growing inside their mother. These images tell us that twins really do have a special relationship. The twins touched each other more than they touched themselves. These little brothers and sisters begin to love each other even before they are born.






Learn target vocabulary with Wordwall

LIVEWORKSHEETS

18 **Copy the chart. Read quickly and complete.**

Number of babies	Name	Number of births	% identical	% Fraternal
2	[1] ?	1 out of 32	[2] ?	70%
3	[3] ?	[4] ?	8%	[5] ?
[6] ?	quadruplets	1 out of 9,000	Less than 1%	[7] ?

19 **Look at 17 and say True or False. Correct the sentences that are false.**

1. Twins, triplets and quadruplets are the same age.
2. There are more quadruplets than triplets.
3. Identical twins are more common than fraternal twins.
4. Identical twins aren't always exactly the same.
5. Identical twins have got the same fingerprints.
6. Twins growing inside their mothers often touch each other.

LIVEWORKSHEETS