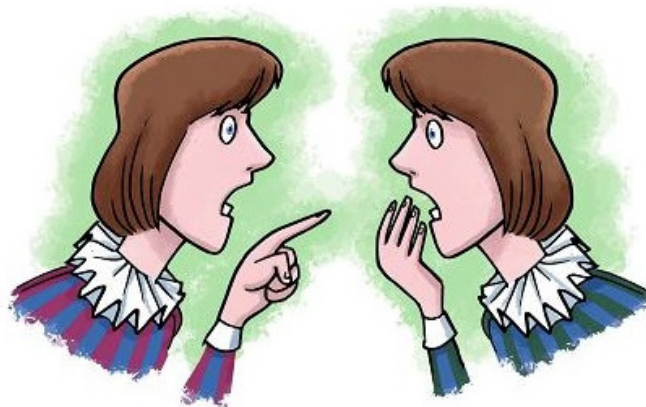


Twins - I cannot tell them apart!

Two of Shakespeare's plays, 'Twelfth Night' and 'The Comedy of Errors', tell tales of twins being split up. This causes the other characters to become muddled until the twins find each other again.

In the 'The Comedy of Errors' there are two sets of identical twin brothers. One set of twins are servants, the other set of twins are their masters. The trouble is no one can tell the twin servants apart – and no one can spot the difference between the twin masters, not even their families! When all the twins find themselves in the same town there is a lot of mayhem and confusion as people mix up one twin with another. At last everyone realises there has been a gigantic mix-up, but not before there has been a lot of laughter along the way.



'Twelfth Night' tells the story of twins that are brother and sister. However, confusion ensues when Viola, the twin sister, decides to dress as a boy and then looks the same as her twin brother, Sebastian! In the play, this causes much confusion and merriment.

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Activity

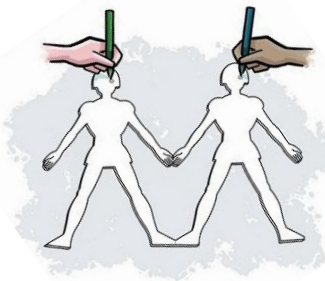
The following activity uses twins to illustrate symmetry.

You will need:

- the identical twins template (included)
- a pair of scissors
- colouring pens or pencils

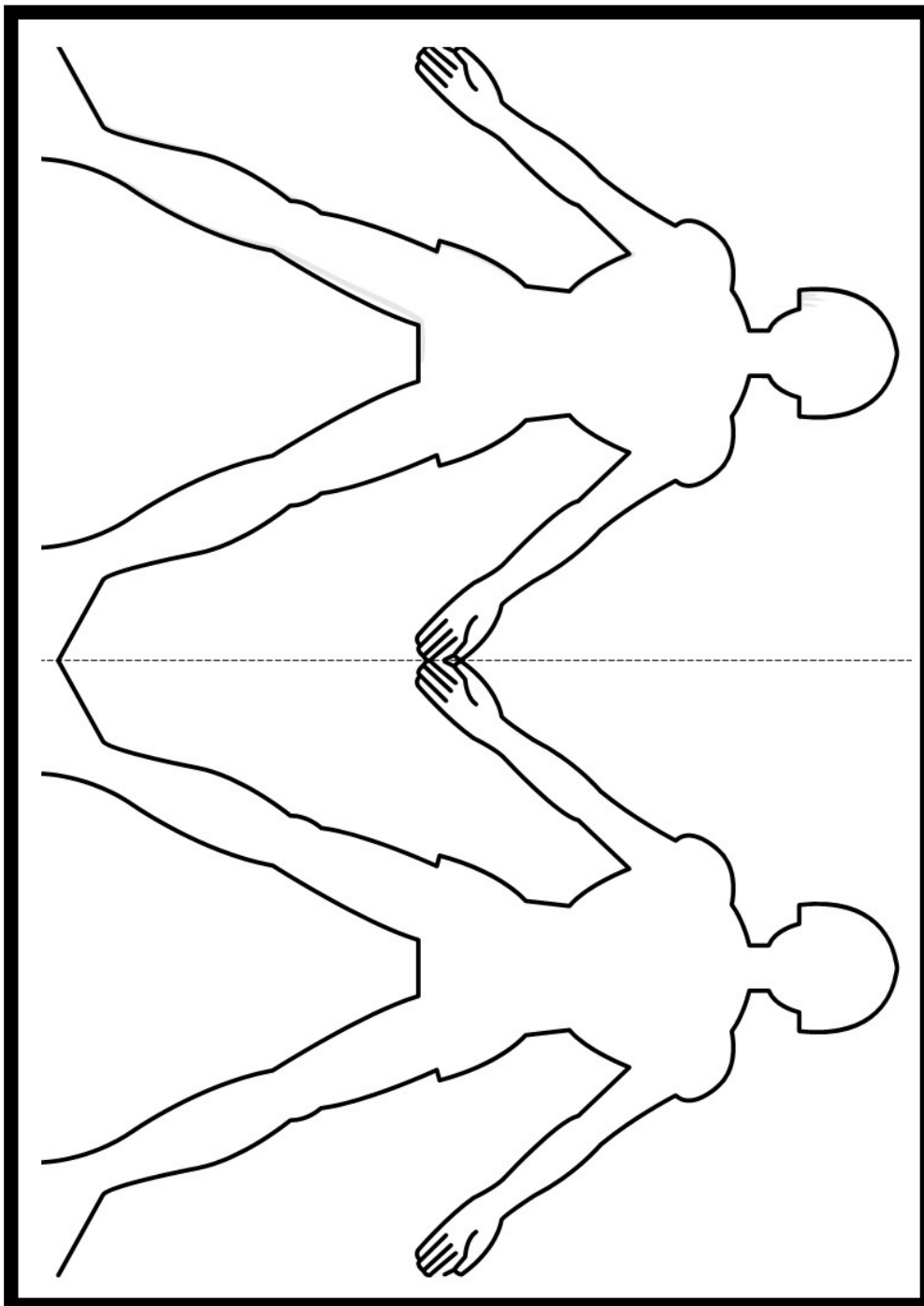
Working with a friend:

1. Carefully fold the template sheet in half along the line, so you can see the outline of a person on the paper.
2. One person carefully holds the folded paper together while the other carefully cuts round the outline. If you can, hold the hands and feet by the fold so your friend doesn't cut that bit.
3. Open out the paper. You should have a pair of twins holding hands.
4. One person draws eyes on one twin. The other person draws eyes that are just the same on the other twin.
5. Take it in turns to add all the parts of the face, hair and clothes on the twins. Remember, they've got to look just the same as each other!



Don't forget to give your twins names. That is the one thing about them that isn't the same.

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