



Ling and Ting: Not Exactly The Same!

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Book Cover



Facts About The Author, Grace Lin

- Grace Lin was born on May 17, 1974, in New Hartford, New York
- Grace Lin's parents emigrated from Taiwan
- Grace Lin studied art in college
- Grace Lin worked many art related jobs. In one of her jobs, she created gift items like mugs and T-shirts
- Grace Lin always loved to write and draw





Some Fun Facts About Grace Lin!

- Grace dreamed of being a champion ice skater.
- Grace did not know what a falafel was until a couple of years ago.
- When Grace was younger, she took one singing lesson!





Quotes From Grace Lin

"If you make
happy those
that are near,
those that are
far will come."

-Grace Lin

"Stories are
not a waste of
time"

-Grace Lin



Grace Lin's advice to Kids

"If you want to be writers, the best thing is to read. That's what I did. I read everything I could. Even books I didn't like taught me what I didn't like."

"For kid artists, keep reading. Start a sketchbook. You don't have to show it to anyone, so it's only for drawing for yourselves."



Book Summary

- This book won the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award in 2011
- Main point: Ling and Ting look very similar but are very different when it comes to skills and personality
- This book is about twin girls Ling and Ting. They are always told that they are exactly the same because they look identical, but they always respond with “we are not *exactly* the same”. Their differences are shown throughout the story. A few examples would be that Ting can't sit still during a haircut while Ling can, Ling makes smooth dumplings while Ting's are lumpy, and Ling uses a fork while Ting uses chopsticks. Their differences in personality are also shown. Ting is more forgetful and goofy, while Ling is more mature and inventive. The book ends with the girls telling a story mixing up the previous chapters which portray that they are not EXACTLY the same.

ACTIVITIES

ART

Draw a picture of you doing an activity you love with a friend or family member.

Talent Show!

In story two Ling reveals she is a practicing magician. Present a unique talent, along with your classmates. . Or, try something new! You can perform digitally by recording yourself with parental help.

Discussion

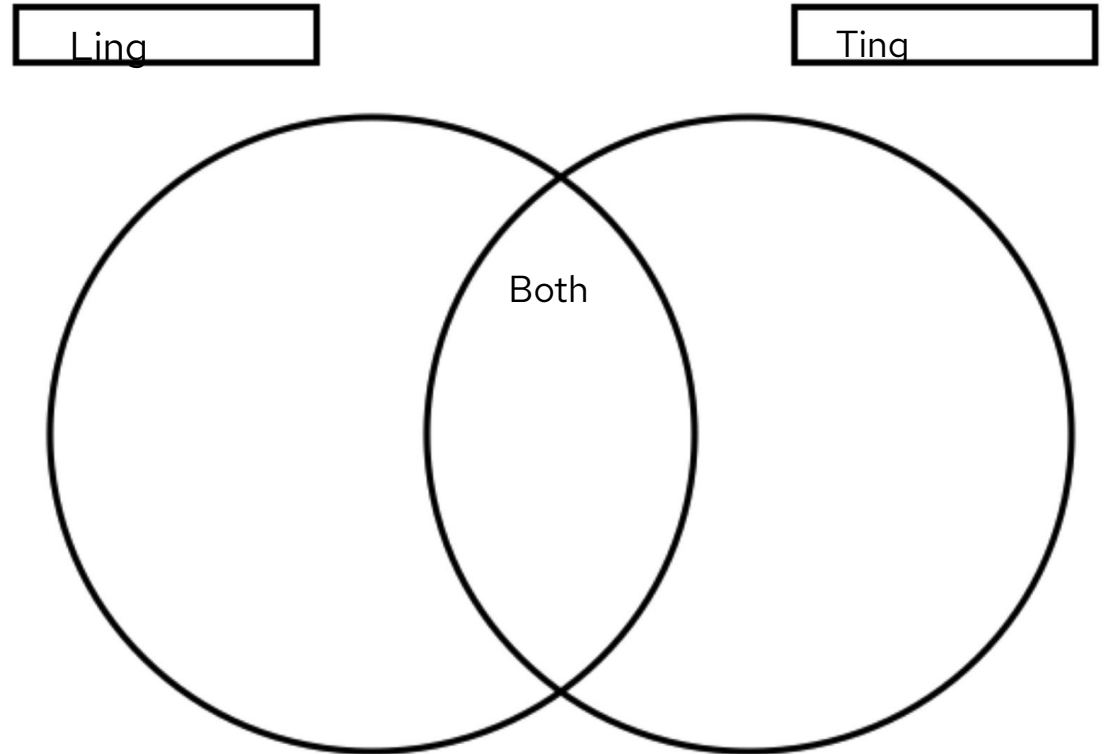
Ling and Ting made dumplings together. Tell a friend what food you like to make, or what food you like to eat!

Journaling

Think of a memory where you got to show a special skill that you have. Write or draw about that special skill.

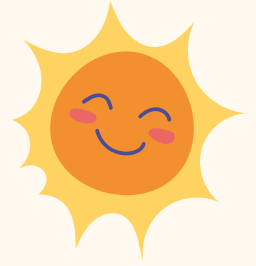
Compare and Contrast

On one side of the Venn Diagram, write about what Ling does in the story. On the other side, write about what Ting does in the story. In the middle write about what Ling and Ting both do. This Venn Diagram will help them prove that they are not exactly the same!



Questions

- How can we be more welcoming towards our classmates?
- How can you embrace your differences?
- What is something you love about yourself, that makes you different from others?
- What are some things that you are good at and what are some things that you want to learn more about?



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