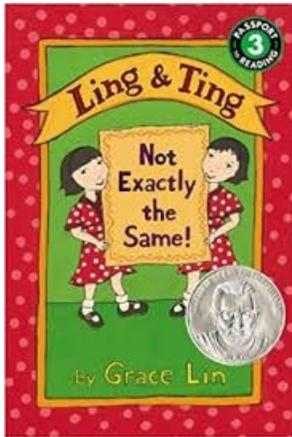


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Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same! By Grace Lin

Grade Level: 1st-4th (Amazon) / Ages 6-9 (Reading Rocket)

About the Book: In *Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same!*, Grace Lin shares six stories about some of the adventures of Ling and Ting, two twins who share experiences and adventures, and are also identical. However, even though they may look the same, these sisters have unique traits and struggles. For example, when Ling and Ting go for a haircut, Ling has no problem sitting patiently while Ting cannot sit still. When Ting sneezes accidentally during her haircut, the barber messes up and the two sisters leave looking much different from each other! Ling and Ting's different traits, abilities, and likes and dislikes are highlighted during their

adventures together. Their contrasting experiences during their activities show the reader that even though they are identical twins, their special and unique traits help them embrace their individuality.

Discussion Questions:

- Do you have siblings at home? In what ways are you similar? Additionally, what makes you unique as an individual?
- This book is a collection of stories about Ling and Ting. Do you see a theme or lesson that connects these stories to each other?
- Now that you have read about some of Ling and Ting's adventures, what are some of the ways they acted differently? Can you connect these situations to personality traits that may describe how they are different?
- What are some of the traits that define you? How do these play out in your everyday life?
- Why do you think it frustrated Ling and Ting that everyone pointed out how similar they are? Do you think it's important to embrace your unique traits?

Extension Idea: Imagine that you had an identical that looks the same as you, but does things in a totally opposite way! Think about some of the activities that you participate in everyday... how do these daily situations play out for you individually? If you had an identical twin with an opposite personality, how would these same situations play out for them?

→ For example, I like to relax and watch TV. My identical twin with an opposite personality would not sit still for long! They would prefer to be much more active. I enjoy rest and relaxation, while my opposite twin would be very active.