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- 1 It used to be funny having a twin sister at school. People would mix us up, which was a laugh. Sometimes we wouldn't bother to correct them but we never actually misled anyone intentionally. But we never thought the same way about things and we used to argue at least once a day. We even had fights too. Sharon's bossier than me but I'm physically stronger, so I'd normally win. We were both fiercely independent but that didn't stop people either buying us identical birthday presents, which was dull, or one to share between us, which was a recipe for disaster! I didn't mind but it used to infuriate her.
- 2 I used to enjoy sharing a bedroom with Katie because it was our own private space where we could go and be alone. We did argue now and again, and we had different ideas about music and clothes, but I'd definitely say we were closer than normal sisters would be. There was a real bond between us – even though she didn't always keep my secrets when I asked her to, so I could never trust her 100 percent. Even now, people tend to ask us to do things together, like being flower girls at a wedding recently. I always feel part of something when Katie's there, which is nice.
- 3 According to my mum, I was surprised when she told me that Emily and I were identical twins. I must have been about six at the time and I hadn't really thought about it before but I was happy enough. As kids, Emily and I were very much in tune with each other. It made me feel special. We'd have the same ideas about most things – clothes, music, boys – and although we always tried to be individuals, it never really worked because we were a team. Even now, Emily is the first person I'll turn to if I'm feeling down because I know I can rely on her.
- 4 I always found it hard being a twin because it meant I had to share everything, including a bedroom! I'm the oldest by ten minutes but people just lumped us together. We both had our own tastes in clothes and we'd do our hair differently but people still got us confused, which used to irritate me a lot. Although we spent most of our time together, Amy was never my best mate or anything. I'd talk to my other friends more than I chatted to her because they tended to listen to me more. Even now, compared to me, she's rather a quiet person, and I suppose that was why.
- 5 Compared to me, Lucy was really messy as a kid and it drove me mad. It would always be me who had to tidy up our bedroom because she'd left her clothes all over the floor. Luckily, we didn't have lessons together at school and we tried to keep out of each other's way. Going shopping together was a real pain because we never wanted the same things. Even now, I'm happiest in T-shirts and casual trousers, while she prefers dressing up in skirts and dresses. We'd only really get on when we used to gang up on our older brother, Jamie, who we had frequent disagreements with.