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Unit 2, Vocabulary and Listening, exercises 6 and 7

Interviewer: Good afternoon and welcome to The Family Programme. We're here with Doctor Sally Carver to talk about families with twins – two children born at the same time. First, Sally, what's the difference between identical and non-identical twins?

Doctor: With identical twins, the children are both boys or both girls and they look exactly the same.

Interviewer: And with non-identical twins?

Doctor: With non-identical twins you can have a brother and a sister.

Interviewer: But they still look similar.

Doctor: That depends. Some non-identical twins have got the same colour hair or eyes, but others are very different.

Interviewer: Have you got any interesting examples?

Doctor: Yes, I have. Lucy and Maria Aylmer.

Interviewer: OK, what's special about the Aylmer twins?

Doctor: Well, their father is white, with blue eyes and brown hair. But their mother is half Jamaican, and she's black with brown eyes and black hair.

Interviewer: And the girls?

Doctor: Both girls have got long hair, but Lucy is fair with long straight hair and she's got blue eyes like their dad.

Interviewer: And what about Maria: has she got blue eyes?

Doctor: No, she hasn't. Maria's got brown eyes and black curly hair like their mother. They look very different and lots of people think they are best friends, not sisters.

Interviewer: How fascinating! Now ...