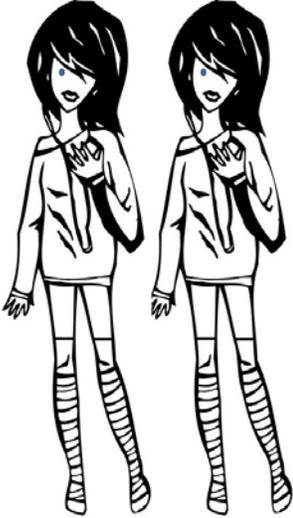


### **Charlotte and Cherie**



Charlotte and Cherie are identical twins but they were not raised together. Their parents gave them up for adoption, and the girls were adopted by two different families. Charlotte grew up in California. She enjoyed surfing and just hanging out at the beach. Cherie grew up in New York City. She was a champion skate-boarder, and spent all of her free time in Central Park.

When the girls were sixteen, Charlotte’s school took a trip to New York City. One of the places they went was the Central Park Zoo. While Charlotte was standing outside the entrance with her group, waiting to go in, she saw a girl zip by on a skateboard. Charlotte gasped. It was like looking in a mirror! The girl had long, dark hair and deep blue eyes, just like her. She was tall and lanky, and she was wearing the same pair of shorts and the same color shirt! “Stop!” Charlotte called out. The girl’s skateboard skidded to a stop and she turned around. When she did, her eyes grew wide.

“Who are you?” she said, coming over to Charlotte. Charlotte introduced herself and the girls got to talking. They found out that they were both sixteen, they shared a birthday and they were both adopted. “Oh my gosh,” Cherie cried. “We are twins that were separated at birth!”

That night they both told their parents that they had found their long, lost twin. Both sets of parents were surprised, because they had had no idea that their daughter was a twin. The girls put the parents in touch with each other and they agreed to let the girls visit each other the following summer.

The whole time Charlotte was in New York City, Cherie showed up everywhere her class went, and every time she did, she and Charlotte were wearing the same outfit. When Cherie wasn’t riding on or carrying her skateboard, Charlotte’s teacher couldn’t tell them apart.

**1. What do Charlotte and Cherie have in common?**

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**2. What is different about Charlotte and Cherie?**

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**3. What do both girls’ parents have in common?**

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