



## Two visitors at school...as remembered by Blainey



One day these two guys showed up at school – you wouldn't believe how much they looked alike. They had different first names – William and James – but everything else was the same: last name, where they lived, their parents' names, weight, height, how they smiled, and how they laughed. They had on the same coat, same shoes, and same warm-up. Everything was identical. Someone in the hall asked them what their birthdays were. Not surprising – at least to me - they gave the same year, month, and day for their date of birth. One of the teachers passing in the hallway said, “Oh, you must be twins!” William and James politely but firmly replied in unison, “No.”

Their answer got me totally confused until I figured it out. They did start going to our school and I did figure out the truth shortly thereafter. I'm no dummy and they weren't lying.

Can you figure it out? How is it possible that William and James are not twins? How do you think Blainey might have solved the problem?

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