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Twin California Babies Born in Different Years

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Fatima Madrigal of California recently gave birth to a boy and a girl.

However, the **twins** have different birth dates and even birth years.

Alfredo Antonio Trujillo was born on December 31, 2021 at 11:45 p.m. About 15 minutes later, his sister Aylin was born, on January 1, 2022.

Fatima said her family, which includes her partner Robert Trujillo, and their three other children were happy to welcome the new babies.

The babies were supposed to come two weeks later, but their early arrival created a rare set of birth dates and years.

Aylin weighed 2.66 kilograms and her brother weighed 2.75 kilograms.

“It was a surprise,” Fatima said. “I was kind of shocked because twins don’t run in my family.” Fatima went on to say her family is now complete.

When they are older, Fatima said she would tell the children the story of their birth and permit them to choose if they wanted to celebrate their birthdays separately or together.

“But right now that they're small and they're with me,” she said, “they're going to celebrate their birthday together.”

The medical center where the twins were born said there are about 120,000 twins born each year in the U.S. However, twins with different birthdays are rare, and the chance of twins being born in different years is about one in 2 million.

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Dan Friedell adapted this story for Learning English based on a report by Reuters.

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Words in This Story

twins – *n.* either one of two babies that are born at the same time to the same mother
