

Doppelgänger Doppelgänger and Googlegänger! Googlegänger!

Do you have a double?

The word *doppelgänger* is a German word that has become part of the English language. It comes from *Doppel* (double) and *Gänger* (walker). A *doppelgänger* is an identical double of a real person.

Some people believe that everyone has a *doppelgänger*, an identical copy of themselves, somewhere in the world. There is a myth that if the person is good, then the *doppelgänger* will be bad; if the person is bad, then the *doppelgänger* will be good. According to the myth, if a person meets his or her *doppelgänger* then they will both die. The British poet, Percy Bysshe Shelley, is an example of someone who supposedly died after meeting his *doppelgänger*.

There is now a new word in the English language: *Googlegänger*, a person who has the same name as you on Google.

Do you have a Googlegänger? Find out!

1. Go to www.google.com.
2. Type your name in the search box.
3. Press enter.
4. Find a person with the same name as you. This is your Googlegänger.
5. Try to find out as much as you can about your Googlegänger. Write the information in the box.
6. Bring the information to class. Introduce a partner to your Googlegänger!

Five facts about my Googlegänger:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What if I can't find a Googlegänger?

Congratulations! You are unique on the World Wide Web! Amazing!