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The diagram shows the word "twin" circled in black. A dashed arrow points from the label "appositive" to "twin". A blue horizontal bar underlines the phrase "Mary's twin", with a dashed arrow pointing from the label "appositive phrase" to the bar. A black curved line connects "Jennifer" and "twin".

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