

Penelope Cruz

Penelope Cruz is a beautiful Spanish actress and Oscar winner. She is in more than 40 films and *Vicky Christina Barcelona* is one of her best films. It is about two young American women in Barcelona and the director is Woody Allen from New York. It is a brilliant film and is now available on DVD. Penelope Cruz is also a trained ballet dancer and is fluent in Spanish, French, Italian and English. She is 1.63 m tall. She is a vegetarian and her hobby is dominoes.

Penelope's family is from Alcobendas near Madrid. Her mother's name is Encarna and she is a hairdresser. Her father's name is Eduardo and he is a car mechanic. Her brother is also called Eduardo and he is a singer. Her sister Monica is an actress like Penelope and she is famous on TV in Spain.

More great films with Penelope Cruz are *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* and *All the Pretty Horses* and in Spanish *Belle Epoque* and *All About My Mother*. Her next film is called *Nine*.

Penelope's friend is Javier Bardem and he is also a famous international film star. He is in the film *Vicky Christina Barcelona* with Penelope and he is also an Oscar winner too. Javier is in more than 25 films. One of his best films is *No Country for Old Men*. His Oscar is for this film. He is 1.83 m tall and his hobbies are painting and rugby.

Javier is the son of famous Spanish actress Pilar Bardem. His brother and sister are actors and his grandparents too. Other great films with Javier are *Before Night Falls*, *The Sea Inside* and *Mondays in the Sun*.

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Grammar: verb BE in present simple

Some Questions

- 1 Who is the director of *Vicky Christina Barcelona*?
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- 2 How tall is Penelope Cruz?
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- 3 Is she a vegetarian?
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- 4 What is her mother's name?
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- 5 What is her father's job?
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- 6 Is her sister also famous?
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- 7 Is Javier Bardem also an Oscar winner?
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- 8 How tall is Javier?
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- 9 What are Javier's hobbies
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