

# PENELOPE CRUZ

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Penelope Cruz is a Spanish actress who has won considerable critical acclaim for her role in Spanish and English movies. She is the first Spanish actress to be nominated for an Oscar. Cruz speaks four languages fluently. She also donates a considerable amount of money and time to charity. From 2001, Cruz had a three-year relationship with actor Tom Cruise.

Cruz was born in Madrid in 1974 to a hairdresser mother and motor mechanic father. She wanted to be a dancer as a child and studied classical ballet for nine years. Her younger sister Monica is a famous Spanish dancer. However, when Cruz was 15, she decided to get into acting after beating 300 other hopefuls at a talent agency audition.

Cruz first achieved fame in a Spanish pop video and then as a TV presenter. Her first major films were 'Jamón, Jamón' and 'Belle Époque', which won an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In 2000 she appeared with Matt Damon in 'All the Pretty Horses'. She rose to fame by co-starring in 'Vanilla Sky', opposite Tom Cruise.

Cruz has received two Goya Awards and two European Film Awards for her work. She also won a Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival. In 2006, she was used as the face for L'Oreal's worldwide advertising campaign and a year later, she launched her own fashion line in Spain. She wants to balance her life and work between Hollywood and Europe.

245 words  
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**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

*Paragraphs 1 and 2*

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. considerable | a. defeating  |
| 2. donates      | b. a lot of   |
| 3. relationship | c. engineer   |
| 4. mechanic     | d. gives      |
| 5. beating      | e. candidates |
| 6. hopefuls     | f. romance    |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 7. achieved   | g. important |
| 8. major      | h. gained    |
| 9. rose       | i. global    |
| 10. worldwide | j. started   |
| 11. launched  | k. brand     |
| 12. line      | l. shot up   |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

- |                                       |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. won considerable                   | a. money and time to charity    |
| 2. donates a considerable amount of   | b. line in Spain                |
| 3. studied classical                  | c. in a Spanish pop video       |
| 4. when she was 15, she               | d. advertising campaign         |
| 5. beating 300 other hopefuls         | e. ballet for nine years        |
| 6. Cruz first achieved fame           | f. critical acclaim             |
| 7. She rose to fame by                | g. Hollywood and Europe         |
| 8. the face for L'Oreal's worldwide   | h. at a talent agency audition  |
| 9. she launched her own fashion       | i. decided to get into acting   |
| 10. balance her life and work between | j. co-starring in 'Vanilla Sky' |

## LISTENING GAP FILL:

Penelope Cruz is a Spanish actress who has \_\_\_\_\_ critical acclaim for her role in Spanish and English movies. She is the first Spanish actress \_\_\_\_\_ for an Oscar. Cruz speaks four languages fluently. She \_\_\_\_\_ considerable amount of money and time to charity. From 2001, Cruz had a three-year \_\_\_\_\_ actor Tom Cruise.

Cruz was born in Madrid in 1974 to a hairdresser mother and motor \_\_\_\_\_. She wanted to be a dancer \_\_\_\_\_ studied classical ballet for nine years. Her younger sister Monica is a famous Spanish dancer. However, when Cruz was 15, she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ after beating 300 other hopefuls at a \_\_\_\_\_.

Cruz first \_\_\_\_\_ a Spanish pop video and then as a TV presenter. Her first \_\_\_\_\_ 'Jamón, Jamón' and 'Belle Époque', which won an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In 2000 she \_\_\_\_\_ Matt Damon in 'All the Pretty Horses'. She \_\_\_\_\_ co-starring in 'Vanilla Sky', opposite Tom Cruise.

Cruz \_\_\_\_\_ Goya Awards and two European Film Awards for her work. She also won a Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival. In 2006, she was used \_\_\_\_\_ L'Oreal's worldwide advertising campaign and a year later, \_\_\_\_\_ own fashion line in Spain. She wants to \_\_\_\_\_ and work between Hollywood and Europe.

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Penelope Cruz is a Spanish actress who *has / was* won considerable critical acclaim for her *roll / role* in Spanish and English movies. She is the first Spanish actress *to / that* be nominated for an Oscar. Cruz speaks four languages fluently. She also donates a considerable amount of money and time to charity. From 2001, Cruz had a three-year *relation / relationship* with actor Tom Cruise.

Cruz was born in Madrid in 1974 to a hairdresser mother and motor *mechanic / mechanical* father. She wanted to be a dancer *as / was* a child and studied classical ballet for nine years. Her younger sister Monica is a *fame / famous* Spanish dancer. However, when Cruz was 15, she decided to get into acting after beating 300 other *hoping / hopefuls* at a talent agency audition.

Cruz first achieved *fame / famous* in a Spanish pop video and then as a TV presenter. Her first major *film / films* were 'Jamón, Jamón' and 'Belle Époque', which won an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In 2000 she *appealed / appeared* with Matt Damon in 'All the Pretty Horses'. She *rose / risen* to fame by co-starring in 'Vanilla Sky', opposite Tom Cruise.

Cruz has *received / receiving* two Goya Awards and two European Film Awards for her work. She also won a Best Actress *reward / award* at the Cannes Film Festival. In 2006, she was used as the *face / head* for L'Oreal's worldwide advertising campaign and a year later, she *launched / lunched* her own fashion line in Spain. She wants to balance her life and work between Hollywood and Europe.

## SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

### *Paragraph 1*

1. considerable iitcaclr acclaim
2. Cruz speaks four languages lletynuf
3. She also saondet a considerable amount of money
4. Cruz had a three-year tisnrohilape with actor Tom Cruise

### *Paragraph 2*

5. motor hmnaceci father
6. studied slsicaacl ballet for nine years
7. etbngai 300 other hopefuls
8. a tntela agency audition

### *Paragraph 3*

9. Cruz first diechaey fame in a Spanish pop video
10. Her first omraj films
11. she peeadrpa with Matt Damon
12. co-starring in 'Vanilla Sky', sipeotop Tom Cruise

### *Paragraph 4*

13. Cruz has decrieey two Goya Awards
14. worldwide advertising pncaamig
15. she hulcndea her own fashion line
16. alcnaeb her life

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) as a child and studied classical ballet for nine years. Her younger sister Monica is a famous Spanish dancer. However,
- ( **1** ) Penelope Cruz is a Spanish actress who has won considerable critical acclaim for her role in Spanish and
- ( ) campaign and a year later, she launched her own fashion line in Spain. She wants to balance
- ( ) English movies. She is the first Spanish actress to be nominated for an Oscar. Cruz speaks four languages
- ( ) her life and work between Hollywood and Europe.
- ( ) award at the Cannes Film Festival. In 2006, she was used as the face for L’Oreal’s worldwide advertising
- ( ) films were ‘Jamón, jamón’ and ‘Belle Époque’, which won an Academy Award for Best Foreign
- ( ) Language Film. In 2000 she appeared with Matt Damon in ‘All the Pretty Horses’. She rose
- ( ) Cruz first achieved fame in a Spanish pop video and then as a TV presenter. Her first major
- ( ) when Cruz was 15, she decided to get into acting after beating 300 other hopefuls at a talent agency audition.
- ( ) 2001, Cruz had a three-year relationship with actor Tom Cruise.
- ( ) to fame by co-starring in ‘Vanilla Sky’, opposite Tom Cruise.
- ( ) Cruz was born in Madrid in 1974 to a hairdresser mother and motor mechanic father. She wanted to be a dancer
- ( ) Cruz has received two Goya Awards and two European Film Awards for her work. She also won a Best Actress
- ( ) fluently. She also donates a considerable amount of money and time to charity. From

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. first to for the actress nominated Oscar Spanish be an

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2. - year relationship with actor Tom Cruise a three

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3. She dancer wanted as to a be child a

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4. is Her a younger famous sister Spanish Monica dancer

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5. into acting when Cruz was 15 , she decided to get

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6. first Spanish achieved pop fame video in Cruz a

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7. co by fame to rose She Sky Vanilla in starring -

---

8. worldwide campaign face L'Oreal's advertising the for

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9. later launched fashion year she own a , her line

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10. life her balance to wants She work and

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## **PENELOPE CRUZ DISCUSSION:**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. What do you know about Penelope Cruz?
2. Would you like to have met Penelope Cruz?
3. What would you like to know about Penelope Cruz and why?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PENELOPE CRUZ DISCUSSION:**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. What did you learn from this text about Penelope Cruz?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Penelope Cruz?
3. What would her answers have been to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## PENELOPE CRUZ SURVEY:

Write five questions about Penelope Cruz in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

**Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.**



## HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about Penelope Cruz. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. PENELOPE CRUZ POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Penelope Cruz. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

**4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Penelope Cruz. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she did every day and what she thought about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Penelope Cruz. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today's world and how she is missed. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Penelope Cruz expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

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## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.