

- 1** A Hungarian, born in Budapest, his family emigrated to Wisconsin when he was two. Inspired by a childhood visit to see a magician, he began to give performances at amusement parks and fairs. His fame grew world-wide as a man who could escape from any kind of locked container, even underwater. He died from peritonitis after inviting someone to punch him in the stomach to demonstrate the strength of his muscles.
- 2** A star in several of Pedro Almodóvar's early films, he surprised some of his fans by moving to Hollywood and marrying a well-known actress several years older than himself, with whom he had a daughter. Despite living in the US, he retains close links to his native country and promotes Andalusian products all over the world.
- 3** Brought up in Austria by very strict parents, he took up bodybuilding at the age of 15, and six years later, after winning the title 'Mr Universe', he moved to the USA. He had a very successful career as an actor, in both action and comedy films, and subsequently went into politics, after marrying a member of a famous American political family.
- 4** The daughter of a former wrestling champion and a 400m runner, she received her first racquet at the age of five, and when she was ten showed such promise that she moved to Florida from Moscow to train at a well-known academy. Famous as much for her blonde good looks as for her on-court ability, she never managed to win a Grand Slam singles title, and since retiring has made her home in Miami.
- 5** This film director left his native Taiwan to study theatre at the University of Illinois. One of the most successful directors of his generation, with several Oscars to his name, the importance of his roots is exemplified by one of his most successful films, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, which was filmed in Mandarin.
- 6** Born in Hungary, as a young man he emigrated to the USA, where he made his fortune through a very successful career in journalism, becoming one of the most powerful newspaper publishers in the United States. When he died, his will provided for the financing of a prize bearing his name, which today is the most prestigious award in US journalism.
- 7** The first Mexican actor to be nominated for an Academy award, she was born in Veracruz and first made her name in the Mexican soap opera *Teresa*. Although she didn't speak very fluent English at the time, she moved to Los Angeles in 1991, and is now acclaimed for her work both as an actor and a producer.
- 8** He was a German immigrant who sailed to the United States with his mother and two sisters at the age of 18. He first lived in New York before finally settling in San Francisco where he set up a clothing company at the time of the 'Gold Rush'. With a partner, he patented a method for strengthening men's work trousers, and later founded a company which still bears his name today.
- 9** Born in the UK and christened Archibald Leach, he travelled to the US as a teenager with a theatre group, and decided to settle there and make a career as an actor. He later changed his name, and went on to become one of the most popular cinema actors of his era, famous for his roles as a handsome, charismatic leading man in several of Hitchcock's thrillers.
- 10** He was born in Łódź, Poland, but emigrated with his family to the USA in the early 1900s. He set up his own business selling cosmetics to movie actors in Hollywood, and developed make-up and lipstick which made actors look more natural on screen. Later he began selling the same products to women, and today his name is synonymous with women's beauty products.
- 11** Born in Havana, Cuba, she was brought up in Miami after her father was forced to flee following the 1959 coup by Castro. After auditioning to sing in a local wedding band she went on to become one of the biggest singing stars of the 80s and 90s, with a succession of dance hits, in Spanish and English, rooted in the rhythms of her native country.
- 12** This Russian-born author has an asteroid and a crater on Mars named after him. One of the most prolific writers of all time, he is best known for his science fiction novels and books on popular science. One of his stories, *Nightfall*, was voted the best science fiction short story of all time. In 2004 one of his most famous novels was turned into a film starring Will Smith.