

9C: Born to sing

Listening Practice: Enrique Martinez

Listen and fill in the gaps.

Good evening and welcome to (1) _____, our weekly music programme, and tonight the focus is on the (2) _____ star Enrique Iglesias. As I'm sure you all know, Enrique Iglesias is the son of the (3) _____ Julio Iglesias, who is one of the most successful singing artists of all time.

Enrique was born in Madrid, Spain in 1975. His mother is Isabel Preysler, a (4) _____ and TV host from the Philippines. When he was (5) _____ old his parents got divorced and later he moved to Miami to live with his (6) _____. He started studying (7) _____ at Miami University, but he left after a year because he wanted to become a (8) _____. He didn't want his father to know about his music career and he didn't want to use his famous (9) _____ to be successful. So when he sent some of his songs to several (10) _____ he used to name Enrique Martinez and he eventually got a contract with a Mexican record company.

He made his (11) _____, called *Enrique Iglesias* in 1995, which won him a (12) _____. He then made two more albums and he had many hits in the Latin music charts. At first Enrique sang mainly in Spanish but later he began to sing more and more in (13) _____ too.

His fourth album, (14) _____ in 2001, was his biggest commercial success and include the singles *Escape* and (15) _____, sung in English, which became hits all over the world and made Enrique an (16) _____. Since then he has made five other albums and has also had a few acting parts in films and TV programme. Also in (17) _____, he began dating the Russian (18) _____, Ana Kournikova, but they kept their relationship very private. Today Enrique Iglesias is recognizes as one of the most popular artists in Latin America. He has sold (19) _____ albums, which makes him one of the (20) _____ artists of all time.