

Carlos Acosta

by Helena Nowak

Carlos Acosta was born into a large, family in Havana, Cuba, in _____. When he was nine years old, his father, Pedros Acosta, **sent** him to _____ school. At first, he hated it – he just wanted to play _____ with his friends. But he worked _____ and, eventually, **became** a talented dancer. He **studied** at the National Ballet School of Cuba and graduated with a _____ medal.

Between 1989 and 1991, he performed around the _____. He was the principal dancer at the Houston Ballet from 1993 to _____ and then he **started** a new job at London's Royal Ballet. He met his _____ Charlotte Holland in 2004. They **got** _____ eight years later. They had a child – a _____, named Aila.

He **went** back to Cuba in 2011 to _____ a foundation to help young dancers. Acosta is also an _____. He appeared in the films *New York, I Love You* (2008) and *Our Kind of Traitor* (2016).



Venus Williams

by Nao Yamauchi

Venus Williams was born in Lynwood, near Compton in Los Angeles, in _____. There was a lot of crime in the local area and her father, Richard Williams, thought tennis was a chance for Venus and her younger sister Serena to be rich and _____.

The Williams sisters **played** tennis on old _____. They **practised** with tennis balls from nearby country clubs. Their father was their _____ and their mother, Oracene Price, **gave** them school lessons at _____. When she was _____, Venus **moved** to Florida where she went to Rick Macci's tennis academy. Before she was a teenager, she won 63 _____ without losing one.

In February 2002, Venus Williams became the _____ African American to be the world's number one tennis player. In July of the same year, Venus played Serena in the Wimbledon _____, and Serena won and became world number one. These sisters, from a poor _____ in Los Angeles, are now recognised as two of the greatest _____ tennis players in the world.