

Bruno Mars

- **Personal Information**



Peter Gene Hernandez, born on October 8, known by his stage name **Bruno Mars**, is an American singer-songwriter and record producer. Raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, by a family of musicians, Mars began making music at a young age and performed in various musical venues in his hometown throughout his childhood. He graduated from high school and moved to Los Angeles, to pursue a musical career. Mars produced songs for other artists, joining production team The Smeezingtons.

- **First Steps**



He was one of six children and came from a musical family who exposed him to a diverse mix of reggae, hip-hop and R&B. In addition to being a dancer, his mother was a singer and his father used his musical ability to perform Little Richard rock and roll music. Bruno began making music when he was only two years old. When he was four, Mars began performing five days a week with his family's band, 'The Love Notes', in which he became known for his impersonation of Presley.

- **How did he become famous?**



After an unsuccessful season with Motown Records, Mars signed with Atlantic Records in 2009. He became recognized as a solo artist after lending his voice and co-writing the chorus for the songs 'Nothin 'on You' by Bob, and 'Billionaire' by Travie McCoy. He also co-wrote the international hits 'Right Round', 'Wavin Flag' and 'Fuck You!' On October 4, 2010, he released his debut album, *Doo-Wops & Hooligans*. He managed to place in the top spot his singles 'Just the Way You Are' and 'Grenade'. He was nominated for seven Grammy Awards on 53rd Grammy Awards, winning in the category Best Male Pop Vocal Performance for 'Just the way you are'.

His musical skills are: vocals, drums, guitar and keyboards. And among his many musical genres we can find: Pop, R&B, Soul, Reggae fusion, Contemporary R&B and Pop Rock.

Questionnaire

- **Why Bruno Mars?**
 - a) Bruno because it was his father's name and Mars because he was interested in the Universe when he was a child.
 - b) Bruno because there was an overweight wrestler named Bruno and Mars because he doesn't feel part of this world, otherwise from another planet.
 - c) Simply because he liked it as stage name.

- **As a child his nickname was...**
 - a) 'Little Elvis'
 - b) 'Little Jackson'
 - c) 'Little King'

- **According to a recent interview, Bruno Mars said his favorite food is...**
 - a) Fish and Chips
 - b) Spanish Paella
 - c) Chicken Adobo

- **Bruno has...**
 - a) 4 tattoos
 - b) no tattoos because he doesn't think they are trendy.
 - c) only one tattoo with his mother's name.