

# The Story of Arnold Schwarzenegger

Do you know these words?

barely  
poverty  
strict

to crown someone  
Democrat  
Republican

Listen. Circle the answers.

- Where is Arnold Schwarzenegger from?  
America  
Austria  
Australia
- Were his parents rich or poor?  
rich  
poor
- What kind of parents did he have?  
strict  
loving  
strict and loving
- How old was he when he won the Mr. Universe title?  
He was still a teenager.  
He was twenty.  
He was twenty-one.
- How old was he when he started dreaming of body-building?  
about eleven or twelve  
in his early teens  
in his late teens  
twenty
- Why did he go to America in 1968?  
to defend his Mr. Universe title  
to become an actor  
to study for a degree
- What did he major in?  
the University of Wisconsin  
business and economics
- Who did he start dating in 1977?  
Maria Shriver  
Robert F. Kennedy
- What does *tie the knot* mean?  
It means *to go out with someone*.  
It means *to get married*.  
It means *to separate*.
- Is Arnold Schwarzenegger a Democrat or a Republican?  
He's a Democrat.  
He's a Republican.

Please cover this script. (This is a listening exercise.)

Arnold Schwarzenegger was born in Austria on July 30th, 1947. Times were tough for him as a child, as he was raised in poverty by strict, yet loving, parents. When he was barely a teenager, Arnold started dreaming of fighting his way out of poverty by becoming a body-builder. He trained hard every day, and at the age of twenty, he was crowned Mr. Universe, the youngest ever winner of such an award. In 1968, he went to America to defend his Mr. Universe title, and just one year later he was making movies. Between making movies, he also found time to take a correspondence course at the University of Wisconsin, majoring in business and economics. In 1977, he met Maria Shriver, a TV journalist and member of the Kennedy family, while playing in the Robert F. Kennedy Pro-Celebrity Tennis Tournament. They went out together for eight years before eventually deciding to tie the knot. Yet, despite marrying into the most famous Democratic family in all of America, Arnold remains a Republican.