1. Sofía Margarita Vergara Vergara was born July 10, 1972 in Barranquilla, Atlántico, Colombia. Her mother, Margarita Vergara Dávila de Vergara, is a housewife, and her father, Julio Enrique Vergara Robayo, produced cattle for the meat industry.
2. Growing up, she attended a private bilingual Spanish/English school, known as Marymount School Barranquilla.
3. Sofia was discovered at 17 by a photographer on a Colombian beach.
4. Vergara was raised Catholic, and her religious beliefs were sometimes in conflict with her modeling and acting successes.
5. She soon lands several gigs, including a starring role in a Pepsi commercial. She used the money she earned to support her family.
6. Vergara was "apprehensive about doing her first television commercial-until her Catholic school teachers gave her their personal permission to take the assignment."
7. She got married at 18 to Joe Gonzalez, and had her first and only child at 20. Her son Manolo was born in 1992.
8. Sofia named her son Manolo after Steven Bauer's hunky character in the 1983 masterpiece Scarface.
9. Unfortunately, the marriage didn't work and they divorced a year later and she went on to study pre-dentistry at a university in Colombia for three years.
10. She got her big break on the Mexican telenovela "Acapulco, Cuerpo y Alma" in 1995.
11. Vergara became a household name in Latin America when she co-hosted Univision's Spanish travel show "Fuera De Serie "from 1995-1998. The show took Vergara and co-host Fernando Fiore to various exotic locations.
12. Her nickname growing up was 'La Toti'.
13. She has also been thin and admits that when she was younger, she would wear two pairs of jeans to give the illusion of a fuller body.
14. After Vergara's older brother Rafael is murdered in Bogotá, she and her family relocate to Miami, where Vergara becomes a star as host of Univision's Spanish-language game show A que no te atreves ("I Dare You").
15. In 2000, Sofia Vergara was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and undergoes surgery to have a thyroid gland removed. "When they tell you that you have cancer, you panic," she told Self in 2010. "Now I'm in remission, and the scar doesn't bother me. After the surgery in 2003, I had my son Photoshop a Frankenstein scar on my neck and sent it to my friends and said, 'I'm fine, I look perfect!' It was really funny."
16. In 2003, she dated singer Craig David for a few months.
17. She began dating Tom Cruise after meeting at a party hosted by Jada Pinkett Smith in 2005, but the relationship didn't last long.
18. Not surprisingly, she is close friends with singer Shakira. They were both born in the same town of Barranquilla, Colombia.
19. After moving to the United States, she says she stopped eating meat because she says it tastes peculiar compared to Columbia.
20. In 2002, she was a spokesperson for Miller Lite and even appeared in a Spanish-language commercial for them.
21. She starred in the Spanish-language adaptation of Desperate Housewives-When the series premiered in 2007, Vergara played the Mary Alice Young role in" Amas de Casa Desperadas."

1. In 2009, she gave her first Broadway performance as Mama Morton in Chicago. "Ordinarily, more mature, matronly women are traditional Mama types," director Walter Bobbie tells the Miami Herald. "But at the core, she's both warmhearted and tough. Sofia brings that."
2. She hits the jackpot after she's cast as Gloria Delgado-Pritchett on the ABC sitcom Modern Family, which costars Ed O'Neill as her husband and Rico Rodriguez as her son.
3. Ironically, she said when she was growing up, she would watch Spanish dubbed "Married With Children" which starred Ed O'Neill as Ted Bundy. She said she was already a huge fan of the actor.
4. Vergara earns Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG Award nominations for her laugh-out-loud role on Modern Family. She was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
5. She has not had a single ounce of work done on her, she is all natural. "Maybe when I'm 45, I'll think about it," said Vergara.
6. The curvy star's bust size is 32F and has had custom tailored dresses ever since she was young.
7. Sofia wanted a breast reduction as a child, but now she is grateful for her voluptuous chest.
8. She is 5' 8" tall.
9. Some believe her accent is fake which really surprise her. "I go out to a mall or restaurant and when somebody hears me they'll go, 'Oh my God, it's your real accent.'" Vergara admits that she lays it on a bit stronger for her character Gloria Pritchett in "Modern Family."
10. In 2011, Vergara was supposed to star in The Paperboy, an independent drama directed by Lee Daniels. When shooting was delayed for a week (which conflicted with Vergara shooting Season 3 of Modern Family), she was forced to drop out.
11. One of her favorite things to do in her free time is to read. "I can read like crazy. I can sit down and read for four hours straight. I read up to three-four books a month."
12. Her natural hair color is blonde! She was advised to dye her hair so she could look more Latin. "It was ignorance: They thought every Latin person looks like Salma Hayek," she said.

1. Sofia appeared in a "Got Milk" print ad with her son, Manolo.
2. She is currently dating Nicholas (Nick) Loeb, who is a businessman and has expressed interest in running for a Florida Senate seat.
3. The couple got engaged on July 10, 2012.
4. In 2011, she was named as one of the new faces of CoverGirl. She's featured in a series of ads including hilarious ones with fellow CoverGirl, Ellen DeGeneres.
5. She has her own clothing line,The Sofia Vergara, which is available at the retail outlet K-Mart. The stunning beauty said she aimed to make her sexy looks affordable with the retail line.
6. She has been named one of People magazine's "50 most beautiful people" and has been recognized by both the Hollywood Reporter and Billboard as one of the most influential Latinas in Hollywood.
7. She gave Miley Cyrus a run for her money when she got down and twerked at the Emmy's ceremony in 2013. She said "Check it out Miley".
8. Its customary to bring a date to the Emmy's or any award show, but Sofia bought tickets for 21 of her family members to attend the event in 2013.
9. She loves an occasional Big Mac from McDonald's and has already been featured in four ads for the fast food giant.
10. Sofia's favorite actors are Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, and Robert De Niro
11. Vergara currently resides in Los Angeles, California with her son, Manolo.
12. For the past two years, Sofia Vergara has been named by Forbes as the highest-earning actress on American TV. Over the past year alone, she made about $30 million.