

SIMPLE PAST

Reading

1 Read the text quickly. What is it about?

- a Albizu & Lefty
- b Daddy Yankee
- c Alexis & Fido

Reggaeton giant

Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez was born in Puerto Rico in 1977. He loved baseball when he was young, and he played a lot of baseball games with his friends. He wanted to be a professional baseball player. But he had a problem with his leg, so he didn't play very well. He knew he wasn't a great athlete, but he liked music, too, and that's where he put his energy. As a



teenager, he learned a lot about rap music from rap musicians in his country, Puerto Rico. Ramón worked with other Puerto Rican musicians to create a new kind of music – reggaeton. They all saw Ramón's talent.

In 1995, he made his first album, *No Mercy*, using the name Daddy Yankee. People liked his music, and he made two more albums. But it was Daddy Yankee's fourth album, *El Cangri.com*, in 2002 that made him and reggaeton music famous internationally.

2 Circle the correct options.

- 1 Ramón **hated** / liked sports as a child.
- 2 When he was a teenager, he **taught** / learned from other musicians.
- 3 Ramón used the name Daddy Yankee when he **recorded** / played his first album.
- 4 Daddy Yankee made **two** / three albums before *El Cangri.com*.
- 5 *El Cangri.com* **was** / wasn't popular outside of Puerto Rico.

3 Read the sentences and write the information.

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| 1 This was Daddy Yankee's name before he changed it.
<u>Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez</u> | 4 These people created reggaeton.
_____ |
| 2 This is where Daddy Yankee was born.
_____ | 5 Daddy Yankee made <i>No Mercy</i> in this year.
_____ |
| 3 Daddy Yankee had this. Other musicians saw it.
_____ | |

4 Are the sentences True or False? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 When he was young, Ramón had a problem with his hands. T / (F)
He had a problem with his leg
- 2 Ramón learned about music from classical musicians. T / F

- 3 As Daddy Yankee, Ramón helped to create reggaeton. T / F

- 4 Daddy Yankee made his third album in 1995. T / F

- 5 Daddy Yankee made his fourth album in 2005. T / F
