

Celia Cruz

Early Life and Dreams

A talented girl... a future legend!



Celia Cruz was born in nineteen twenty-five in Havana, Cuba. Her parents were not musicians. But music played an important role in her childhood. Her grandmother once said that Celia could sing before she could talk. Celia would often sing at school and community gatherings. Later, as a teenager Celia started competing in singing contests. She won many competitions.

1 Choose the correct answer.

Circle the best option.

- When was Celia Cruz born?
a) 1920 b) 1925 c) 1930
- Where was she born?
a) New York b) Havana c) Miami
- Were her parents musicians?
a) Yes b) No c) I don't know
- What did her grandmother say?
a) She could dance. b) She could sing before she could talk.
c) She could play the piano.
- When did she start competing in singing contests?
a) As a child b) As a teenager c) As an adult



2 True or False?

Read the sentences. Write T (True) or F (False).

- Celia Cruz was born in 1925 in Havana, Cuba. _____
- Her parents were musicians. _____
- Music was important in her childhood. _____
- Her grandmother said she could sing before she could talk. _____
- Celia won many singing contests. _____

Music changed her life!

3 Fill in the blanks.

Use the words from the box.

born • parents • music • grandmother • teenager
contests • won

- Celia Cruz was _____ in nineteen twenty-five in Havana, Cuba.
- Her _____ were not musicians.
- _____ played an important role in her childhood.
- Her _____ once said that Celia could sing before she could talk.
- Later, as a _____, Celia started competing in singing _____.
- She _____ many competitions.

Big dreams start early!

4 Match the pictures with the sentences.

Write the correct number.

- Celia was born in Havana. ☐
- She sang at school and community gatherings. ☐
- She started competing in singing contests. ☐
- She won many competitions. ☐



5 Answer the questions.

Write complete sentences.

- Where was Celia Cruz born?

- What role did music play in her childhood?

- What did her grandmother say about her?

- When did she start competing in singing contests?

Her voice made the world dance!

