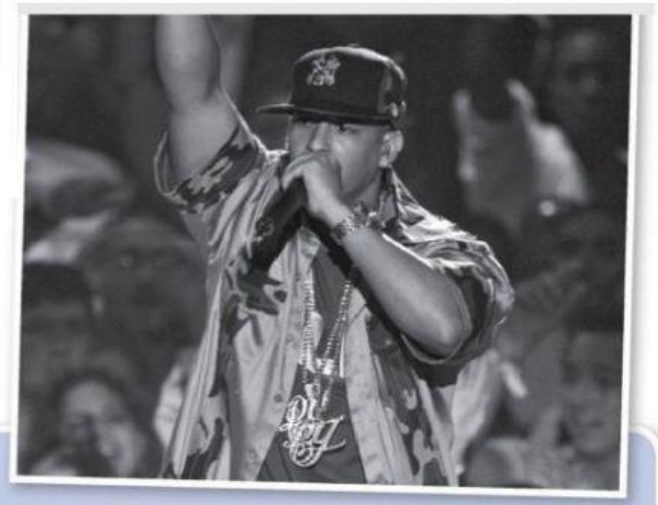
SIMPLE PAST



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.**

1 This was Daddy Yankee's name before he changed it.
Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez

2 This is where Daddy Yankee was born.
_____

3 Daddy Yankee had this. Other musicians saw it.
_____

4 These people created reggaeton.
_____

5 Daddy Yankee made *No Mercy* in this year.
_____

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
_____.