

# **Examen de inglés: PASADO SIMPLE / SIMPLE PAST**

**NOMBRE**  
**COMPLETO**

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## **A. Selecciona la respuesta correcta.**

1. **Shakira** \_\_\_\_\_ her first album at the age of 13.
  - a) release
  - b) released
  - c) releases
  - d) releasing
2. **Celia Cruz** \_\_\_\_\_ as the "Queen of Salsa" for her incredible voice and energy.
  - a) know
  - b) knew
  - c) known
  - d) knows
3. **Marc Anthony** \_\_\_\_\_ his career as a salsa singer in the 1990s.
  - a) begin
  - b) began
  - c) begins
  - d) beginning
4. **Selena Quintanilla** \_\_\_\_\_ a huge influence on Latin music before her tragic death.
  - a) become
  - b) became
  - c) becomes
  - d) becoming
5. **Carlos Gardel** \_\_\_\_\_ tango music popular worldwide in the early 20th century.
  - a) make
  - b) made
  - c) makes
  - d) making

## **B. Completa según corresponda.**

6. **Juan Luis Guerra** \_\_\_\_\_ (write) many iconic merengue and bachata songs.
7. **Gloria Estefan** \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) with the band Miami Sound Machine before her solo career.
8. **Ricky Martin** \_\_\_\_\_ (win) a Grammy Award for his album "*A Medio Vivir*".

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### C. Selecciona la opción correcta.

1. **Bad Bunny** \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most streamed artists in the world in 2022.  
a) become  
b) became  
c) becoming  
d) becomes
  2. **Los Fabulosos Cadillacs** \_\_\_\_\_ their first album in 1985.  
a) release  
b) released  
c) releasing  
d) releases
  3. **Julio Iglesias** \_\_\_\_\_ over 300 million records worldwide during his career.  
a) sell  
b) sold  
c) selling  
d) sells
  4. **Rosalía** \_\_\_\_\_ international fame with her album "*El Mal Querer*".  
a) gain  
b) gained  
c) gaining  
d) gains
  5. **Tito Puente** \_\_\_\_\_ the "King of Latin Jazz" for his contributions to music.  
a) call  
b) called  
c) calling  
d) calls
  6. **Luis Fonsi** \_\_\_\_\_ the hit song "*Despacito*" in 2017, breaking global records.  
a) release  
b) released  
c) releasing  
d) releases
  7. **Vicente Fernández** \_\_\_\_\_ over 50 albums in his career as a ranchera singer.  
a) record  
b) recorded  
c) recording  
d) records
  8. **Soda Stereo** \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most influential rock bands in Latin America.  
a) be  
b) was  
c) were  
d) being
  9. **Selena** \_\_\_\_\_ her first Grammy nomination in 1994.  
a) receive  
b) received  
c) receiving  
d) receives
  10. **Rubén Blades** \_\_\_\_\_ a successful career as a singer, actor, and politician.  
a) have  
b) had  
c) having  
d) has
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**D. Completa el texto con la forma correcta de los verbos en pasado simple.**

**Usa los verbos proporcionados entre paréntesis en su forma base.**

**The History of Latin Music**

In the 20th century, Latin music \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) into a global phenomenon. Artists like Celia Cruz and Tito Puente \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) salsa music to the world stage. In the 1980s, Gloria Estefan \_\_\_\_\_ (introduce) Latin pop to international audiences with hits like "*Conga*".

In the 1990s, Selena Quintanilla \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a symbol of Tejano music, but her life tragically \_\_\_\_\_ (end) in 1995. Meanwhile, Ricky Martin \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) at the 1999 Grammy Awards, which \_\_\_\_\_ (boost) his career worldwide.

In the 2000s, reggaeton artists like Daddy Yankee \_\_\_\_\_ (popularize) the genre with songs like "*Gasolina*". Later, Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee \_\_\_\_\_ (collaborate) on "*Despacito*", which \_\_\_\_\_ (break) streaming records in 2017.

These artists \_\_\_\_\_ (inspire) millions and \_\_\_\_\_ (change) the face of music forever.

**Verbos para completar:**

1. grow
2. bring
3. introduce
4. become
5. end
6. perform
7. boost
8. popularize
9. collaborate
10. break
11. inspire
12. change