

Simple Past

Read the following biography of Princess Diana and complete with the correct form of the verb. The first one has been made for you.

Diana, Princess of Wales

(Diana Frances Mountbatten-Windsor; Born Spencer; 1 July 1961 – 31 August 1997)



Princess Diana was 1 (be) an iconic figure of the late 20th Century. She was admired for her groundbreaking charity work; in particular her work with AIDS patients. Married to Prince Charles in 1981, she _____ 2 (receive) the title of “Her Royal Highness Princess Diana of Wales”.

Diana _____ 3 (be) born to an aristocratic family who links to the Royal Family. Her father was Edward Spencer, Viscount Althorp. Edward Spencer was a direct descendent of Charles II. Her mother _____ 4 (be) Frances Viscountess Althorp. Diana _____ 5 (grow) up in the family home of

Park House, before moving to Althorp in 1975. Diana _____ 6 (not –shine) as a student, but _____ 7 (do) well in music and ballet. When she _____ 8 (meet) her future husband, Diana was working as a part time assistant in a nursery school in London

In 1981, Diana _____ 9 (marry) Prince Charles. Diana was 20, and Charles by contrast was 33 at the time. The wedding was _____ 10 (watch) by over 1 billion people world-wide. During their marriage they _____ 11 (have) two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. However, in the mid 1980s, tensions _____ 12 (start) to appear in the marriage, and under much publicity the marriage _____ 13 (break) up resulting into a divorce in 1992. During this period Diana is _____ 14 (say) to have suffered various health problems such as bulimia and depression.

In January 1997, she _____ 15 (visit) mine fields in Angola to inspect the clearing of landmines. Shortly before her death, June 18th Princess Diana met with Mother Teresa. Both _____ 16 (admire) each other. Lastly, Diana _____ 17 (die) on 31st August, 1997, in a car crash involving Dodi Al-Fayed. It was said they were being chased by paparazzi at the time the fatal accident _____ 18 (occur). The death of Diana _____ 19 (have) a profound impact on the British public and those in other countries. Over 1 million bouquets of flowers were laid at Buckingham Palace. Her funeral was _____ 20 (watch) by countless millions around the world and her final resting place was her family.



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