Reading

Skill: Reading for detail



Kate Middleton

Catherine Elizabeth Middleton was born on January 9, 1982, in England. Her father, Michael, worked for an airline and her mother, Carole, was a flight attendant. In 1984, she moved with her family to Amman in Jordan because her father got a job there. Catherine, or "Kate" as everyone called her, went to a school there from the age of three.

In September 1986, the Middletons returned to their home in the village of Bucklebury, England. This is where Kate grew up. In 1987, her mother started a mail-order company selling party items. The company became very successful and the family became multi-millionaires.

Kate studied hard at school and played a lot of sports. She especially enjoyed hockey and tennis. She left school in July 2000, and took a "gap year", spending time in Italy and Chile. In 2001, Kate went to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, to study History of Art. It was here that she first met Prince William. They became friends and soon fell in love. She graduated in 2005 and worked for her parents' company, Party Pieces. She also had a part-time job in London at a clothing company.

Kate and William got engaged in October 2010, while they were on vacation in Kenya, and on April 29, 2011, they were married at Westminster Abbey in London. Over two billion people around the world watched the wedding. Her official title became the Duchess of Cambridge, but everyone still calls her Kate.

2.37 **Read the biography of Kate Middleton's early life and complete the timeline.**

1982	1984	_____	1986	2000	2000–01	_____	2005	2010	_____
born	moved to _____	started school	returned to _____	left _____	traveled to _____ & _____	went to University of St. Andrews	graduated with a degree in _____	got _____	got married

Read the text again and answer the questions:

1. Where was she born?
2. What was her mother's job?
3. What sports did she play at school?
4. Why did she leave school?
5. Where did work after she graduated?