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Princess Diana

Diana Spencer, best known as Princess Diana, was born July 1, 1961, in Sandringham, England. After attending school, Diana moved to London. She found as a young adult that she loved working with children, and eventually she became a kindergarten teacher.

During this time in her life, Diana began to date Prince Charles. Charles was thirteen years older than Diana. He was also the oldest son of the queen and heir to the British throne. In 1981, the couple married. The royal wedding was shown on television and watched by millions of people. Eventually, the couple would have two sons, William and Harry.

Unfortunately, the royal marriage did not have a fairy-tale ending. By 1996, the marriage was over, and the two divorced. Princess Diana, however, remained popular with the people. Paparazzi followed her wherever she went. On August 30, 1997, while trying to escape photographers, she and her companion died in a car crash. Her sudden death stunned the world. Despite her untimely death, Princess Diana will always be remembered for her devotion to various charities and her determination to help make the world a better place.

Text Questions

1. What was the author's purpose in writing this text?
 - a. to entertain
 - b. to compare and contrast
 - c. to persuade
 - d. to inform

2. Based on information given in the text, which word might be used to describe Princess Diana?
 - a. selfish
 - b. giving
 - c. unkind
 - d. creative

3. Using information from the text, list in sequential order three events in the life of Princess Diana.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

4. What does the word *heir* mean as it is used in the second paragraph?
 - a. successor
 - b. winner
 - c. champion
 - d. opponent

5. Why would photographers want to follow Princess Diana?
 - a. Even though she was divorced from Prince Charles, people still wanted details about her life.
 - b. Photographers thought she was extremely photogenic.
 - c. She probably paid them to take pictures for her.
 - d. The photographers all worked for the royal family.