

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 received 2 (receive) the title of “Her Royal Highness Princess Diana of Wales”.

Diana was 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 was 4 (be) Frances Viscountess Althorp. Diana grew 5 (grow) up in the family home of

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

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

In January 1997, she visited 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 admired 16 (admire) each other. Lastly, Diana died 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 occurred 18 (occur). The death of Diana had 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 watched 20 (watch) by countless millions around the world and her final resting place was her family.



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