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The 1982 baptism of His Royal Highness Prince William Arthur Phillip Louis of Wales was a brief, quiet ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London. The little prince shared the honors of the day with his great-grandmother, who was celebrating her 82nd birthday. Thousands of her ardent admirers outside the palace sang

(5) "Happy Birthday" to the accompaniment of the Coldstream Guards band.

Clad in a lace and silk christening dress first worn by the future Edward VII in 1841, Prince William affably responded to the baptismal water poured over his head by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Instead of the fierce cry that the superstitious believe expels the Devil from the infant, the prince managed only a squeak

(10) or two. His parents and godparents promised to bring him up "to fight against evil and follow Christ."

Following a session with photographers, the baby was removed from the scene by his nanny. The parents and guests celebrated with a palatial luncheon of champagne and christening cake, the top layer of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's

(15) wedding cake. Godparents include ex-King Constantine of Greece, Princess Alexandra, Lord Romsey, the Duchess of Westminster, Sir Laurens de Post, and Lady Susan Hussey.

Directions: Mark the following *true* or *false* according to the article. If the statement is false, go back to the reading and find the word or words that make it false and write the word or words in the space provided.

1. _____ The baptism was a lengthy ceremony.

2. _____ The baby cried when the baptismal water was poured on him.

3. _____ Crowds outside the palace sang to celebrate the baby's baptism.

4. _____ The Coldstream Guards band played "Happy Birthday."

5. _____ The prince wore a new christening robe.

6. _____ The ceremony was very private.

7. _____ The christening cake was made especially for the baptismal ceremony.

8. _____ A nanny is a person who takes care of children.

9. _____ The prince's godparents are titled people.

10. _____ It is a superstition that godparents bring a child up to fight against evil and follow Christ.