

Princess Diana

In this lesson, you will read a short biography about Princess Diana. You will also learn some new vocabulary and practice asking and answering questions. First, let's find out what you already know about this princess.



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. What image do you have in your mind when you hear the word "princess"?
2. What do you know about the life and death of Princess Diana?
3. King, queen, prince, and princess are royal titles. Can you name any others?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct definitions on the right.

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| ___ 1. heir | a) the legal care and responsibility of children |
| ___ 2. throne | b) an amount of money for a particular purpose |
| ___ 3. admire | c) a ceremony or service for a person who has died |
| ___ 4. charity | d) the royal position of a king or queen |
| ___ 5. aide | e) to arrange, to plan |
| ___ 6. normal | f) a person who receives a title or property if someone dies |
| ___ 7. benefit | g) to feel sadness when someone dies or loses something |
| ___ 8. cause | h) to look at with pleasure, to respect |
| ___ 9. custody | i) usual, typical |
| ___ 10. mourn | j) to do good for, to get help from |
| ___ 11. funeral | k) an assistant, a helper |
| ___ 12. fund | l) the purpose for which certain things are done |
| ___ 13. set up | m) an organization that helps certain groups such as children, poor people, sick people, etc. |

Reading

1. Diana, Princess of Wales, was the wife of Prince Charles, **heir** to the British **throne**. Millions of people **admired** her for her charity work.
2. Diana was born on July 1, 1961, in Norfolk, England. Her father was an earl, and she was Lady Diana Spencer. Her parents divorced when she was 6.
3. After she finished school, Diana worked as a teacher's **aide**. When she was 19, Prince Charles became interested in her. Photographers now followed her all the time.
4. Diana and Charles were married on July 29, 1981. Their wedding service was shown on TV, and millions of people watched it.
5. Diana and Charles had two sons. William was born in 1982 and Harry in 1984. Diana was very attached to her children. She wanted their life to be as **normal** as it could be.
6. In the late 1980s, Diana began her **charity** work. She was a beautiful woman, and many charities **benefited** greatly from her support. She traveled the world to show her support for different **causes**. She often took William and Harry with her. She wanted them to see that many people had problems and needed help. Diana was called the "people's princess" for her charity work.
7. Diana's marriage to Charles had many problems. She and Charles separated in 1992 and were divorced in 1996. They shared **custody** of their children.
8. After the divorce, Diana decided to concentrate on just six charities. She raised a great deal of money for causes like AIDS and cancer, and she made people aware of things like the dangers of landmines.
9. Many people were still interested in her personal life and photographers followed her wherever she went. In the summer of 1997, Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris.
10. People from around the world **mourned** her death. They sent nearly \$150 million to the Diana, Princess of Wales **Fund**, which was **set up** in her honor. More than a million people lined up to watch her **funeral** procession pass by on September 6, 1997.

*"Being a princess
isn't all it's cracked
up to be."*

—Princess Diana

Comprehension

A. True or False?

Read the statements below.

If the statement is true, write T beside the sentence.

If it is false, write F and correct the information.

- _____ 1. Princess Diana was married to the King of England.
- _____ 2. Before Diana married Charles, she belonged to a royal family.
- _____ 3. Diana was very young when she married Charles.
- _____ 4. Diana was very close to her children.
- _____ 5. After her divorce, Diana had sole custody of her children.

B. Ask and Answer

Practice asking and answering the following questions with your partner.

Then write your answers in complete sentences in your notebook.

- 1. What was Diana's title before and after she married Charles?
- 2. What did Diana do before she married Charles?
- 3. How long was Diana married to Charles?
- 4. What was Diana's relationship with her children like?
- 5. Why was Diana called the "people's princess"?
- 6. What causes did Diana support in the last few years of her life? (Name three.)
- 7. How did Diana die?
- 8. How did people mourn her death?

Vocabulary Review

Complete the sentences using vocabulary from page 1.
You may need to change the word forms.

1. You look very tired. A long holiday will _____ you greatly.
2. Prince Charles is Queen Elizabeth's _____.
When she dies, he will become King of England.
3. Mrs. Baker died last night. Her _____ will take place on Friday.
4. In a divorce, it is more common for the mother
to get _____ of the children.
5. The _____ temperature of the human body is 98.6°F (37°C).
6. We asked the hotel to _____ the tables and chairs for the party.
7. The children were very close to their father.
They will _____ his death for a very long time.
8. We are going to set up a _____ for our children's education.

Discussion

1. Do you think Diana had a happy childhood? Give your reasons.
2. Do you think the life of a princess is easy or difficult? Explain.
3. Why do you think Diana was so successful in her support of charities?
4. Who do think should get custody when parents are divorced?