# **B1** Culture Units 4-6

# DRC B1 - Sheet 30

# Homework Sheet 1

Name: .....

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#### A. Reading - Princess Diana

Diana Spencer was born on July 1, 1961, near Sandringham, England. Diana, Princess of Wales, was one of the most adored members of the British royal family. She was the daughter of Edward John Spencer, Viscount Althorp, and Frances Ruth Burke Roche, Viscountess Althorp. Her parents divorced when Diana was young, and her father won custody of her and her siblings. She became Lady Diana Spencer after her father inherited the title of Earl Spencer in 1975.

Diana was no stranger to the British royal family, having reportedly played with Prince Andrew and Prince Edward as a child while her family rented *Park House*, an estate owned by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1977, she became reacquainted with their older brother, Prince Charles, who was 13 years her senior. As the heir to the British throne, Prince Charles was usually the subject of media attention and his courtship of Diana was no exception. When the couple married on July 29, 1981, the ceremony was broadcast on television around the world, with millions of people tuning in to see what many considered to be *the wedding of the century*.

On June 21, 1982, Diana and Charles had their first child: Prince William Arthur Philip Louis. He was joined by a brother, Prince Henry Charles Albert David—known widely as "Prince Harry"— two years later on September 15, 1984. Diana was a strong supporter of many charities and worked to help the homeless, people living with HIV and AIDS, and children in need.

Unfortunately, the fairy tale wedding of Princess Diana and Prince Charles did not lead to a happily-ever-after marriage. The couple's separation was announced in December 1992 by British Prime Minister John Major. The divorce was finalised in 1996. Even after the divorce, Diana maintained a high level of popularity. She devoted herself to her sons and to such charitable efforts as the battle against the use of land mines. Diana used her international celebrity to help raise awareness about this issue. She also continued to experience the negative aspects of fame—her 1997 romance with Egyptian film producer and playboy Dodi Al-Fayed caused quite a stir and created a media frenzy. While visiting Paris, the couple were involved in a fatal car crash after trying to escape from the paparazzi on the night of August 30, 1997.

#### 1. Read the text and write true (T) or false (F).

- a. Diana was born a princess. .....
- b. She married Prince Edward. .....
- c. They had an unhappy marriage. .....
- d. Diana was killed in a car crash in London. .....
- e. Lots of people watched the wedding ceremony on TV. .....

#### 2. Read the text again and answer the questions.

- a. Who did Diana live with after her parents got divorced? .....
- b. How did Diana make best use of her fame? .....
- c. Why did the driver crash the car? .....
- d. How old was Diana when she died? .....

# **B. Vocabulary**

1. Match the expressions with their meanings on the next page.

- a. Bachelor's degree .....
- b. Boarding school .....
- c. Distance learning .....
- d. Face-to-face classes .....
- e. To fall behind with your studies .....



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f. To give feedback .....

g. A graduation ceremony .....

h. Higher education .....

i. To learn something by heart .....



### **D. Writing**

Write about a Turkish figure from history. What did they do? Why were they important? When and where did they live?

they live?	
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