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WORKSHEET A

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WORKSHEET C

### A

The text on Worksheet A contains twenty mistakes. Can you find and then correct them?

### B

Now, using Worksheet B, decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Princess Diana was a teenager when she got married.
2. After the wedding she slowly started to become famous.
3. Most people are still surprised that Princess Diana's marriage to Prince Charles was not a success.
4. Princess Diana used to dress very well.
5. Many people thought she seemed different from other members of the British royal family.
6. At school she was interested in dancing.

# Inside Out

## e-lesson

Week beginning: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006

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This week's lesson takes a look at one of the most famous women of the twentieth century: Diana, Princess of Wales. Her wedding to Prince Charles at St Paul's Cathedral in London, an event that attracted one of the biggest ever global television audiences, took place on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1981.

### Level

Pre-intermediate and above

### How to use the lesson

1. Brainstorm what your students know about Princess Diana.
2. Divide the students into pairs, then give them each a copy of Worksheet A. Tell them that the text on the worksheet contains precisely twenty mistakes, and it is their job to work together in order to find and correct them. Allow at least 10-15 minutes for this task. Mention that in a few cases there is more than one way of correcting the mistakes.
3. Check answers in open class by referring to Worksheet B, which contains the corrected text with all the changes highlighted, then give every student a copy of Worksheet B and Worksheet C.
4. Ask the students to read the text again and then give the pairs a couple of minutes to answer the six true/false questions on Worksheet C. Check answers in open class.

### Answers

Part A (20 mistakes/corrections): see Worksheet B

Part B (true/false)

1. F
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. T
6. T

### 2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid\\_2480000/newsid\\_2489600/2489675.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_2480000/newsid_2489600/2489675.stm)

Short, simple texts on Princess Diana from BBC's *Newsround*. Accessible to pre-intermediates.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/club/your\\_reports/newsid\\_2492000/2492893.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/club/your_reports/newsid_2492000/2492893.stm)

Also from BBC *Newsround*, a British teenager explains why she voted for Diana in the 2002 "Greatest Briton" poll. Challenging but accessible to pre-intermediates.

<http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/9708/31/diana.life/index.html>

A reflection on Diana's life from CNN, written shortly after her death in 1997. Intermediate level and above.