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THE ARTICLE

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The focus of the inquest is now on the actions of Henri Paul, the head of security at the Paris Ritz. There is speculation that he tipped off the paparazzi to exactly when and from where Diana would leave the hotel the evening she died. Dodi's father, Harrods owner Mohamed al Fayed, claims Paul was an agent for the British secret services, who wanted Diana dead. He refuses to believe Mr. Paul was drunk and maintains blood tests were faked to fool the world. Mr Paul was seen having several drinks in the hotel bar hours before he got behind the wheel. However, the leading judge in the case, Lord Justice Scott Baker, said the videos show Paul "coming down the stairs, bending down and balancing whilst tying his shoelaces, and that there is no indication that his movements were affected by alcohol." The case continues.

WARM-UPS

1. PRINCESSES: Walk around the class and talk to other students about princesses. Change partners often. After you finish, sit with your original partner(s) and share what you found out.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

jurors / courts / video footage / security cameras / car crashes / paparazzi / speculation / secret services / being drunk / blood tests / tying one's shoelaces

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. OPINIONS: What you think these peoples' opinions might be of the causes of the deaths of Diana and Dodi in 1997? Discuss this with your partner(s).

- Prince William
- Prince Charles
- Mohammed al Fayed
- Queen Elizabeth
- The British secret service
- A photographer who chased Diana's car
- The barman of the Ritz Hotel in Paris
- The surviving passenger of the crash

4. LIFE OF A ROYAL: Imagine you are a royal - a prince or princess, an emperor or empress, a sultan or sultana, a sheikh or sheikhah. Talk to the other "royals" in the class about these things:

- The good things about your life
- The bad things about your life
- The other royals in your family
- Other royals in other countries
- Countries that have no royal family
- Clothes
- Official duties
- Dinner
- Charity work
- Other _____

5. PAPARAZZI: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "paparazzi". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. QUICK DEBATE: Students A think monarchies are a great idea. Students B believe they are a bad idea. Debate this with your partners. Change partners often.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

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|---|-------|
| a. An inquest into why Diana died is taking place in London. | T / F |
| b. A court jury is watching videos that were first shown in 2001. | T / F |
| c. The video images were taken inside the tunnel where Diana died. | T / F |
| d. The images show Diana and Dodi being intimidated in an elevator. | T / F |
| e. People now think Diana's driver told the paparazzi security details. | T / F |
| f. The owner of Harrods believes Britain's secret service killed Diana. | T / F |
| g. Diana's driver went to the hotel bar but did not have a drink. | T / F |
| h. A video shows the driver being unable to balance on some stairs. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. previously | a. joined |
| 2. inquest | b. sign |
| 3. pieced together | c. flocked |
| 4. swarmed | d. centre of attention |
| 5. reveal | e. informed |
| 6. focus | f. hitherto |
| 7. speculation | g. show |
| 8. tipped off | h. deceive |
| 9. fool | i. inquiry |
| 10. indication | j. conjecture |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. previously unreleased video footage | a. off the paparazzi |
| 2. The new images have been carefully | b. intimate moments |
| 3. They were swarmed | c. the wheel |
| 4. Diana and Dodi sharing | d. of the last moments of Diana |
| 5. on the way to their | e. whilst tying his shoelaces |
| 6. There is speculation that he tipped | f. edited and pieced together |
| 7. blood tests were faked | g. were affected by alcohol |
| 8. hours before he got behind | h. fateful car journey |
| 9. bending down and balancing | i. to fool the world |
| 10. there is no indication that his movements | j. by paparazzi and onlookers |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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onlookers

scenes

shown

fateful

edited

moments

reveal

rushing

The _____ of the inquest is now on the actions of Henri Paul, the head of security at the Paris Ritz. There is speculation that he _____ off the paparazzi to exactly when and from where Diana would _____ the hotel the evening she died. Dodi's father, Harrods owner Mohamed al Fayed, claims Paul was an agent for the British secret services, who wanted Diana dead. He refuses to believe Mr. Paul was drunk and _____ blood tests were faked to fool the world. Mr Paul was seen having several drinks in the hotel bar hours before he got _____ the wheel. However, the leading judge in the case, Lord Justice Scott Baker, said the videos show Paul "coming down the stairs, bending down and _____ whilst tying his shoelaces, and that there is no _____ that his movements were _____ by alcohol." The case continues.

affected

maintains

tipped

indication

behind

focus

balancing

leave

LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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The focus of the inquest _____ Henri Paul, the head of security at the Paris Ritz. There is speculation that he tipped off the paparazzi to _____ Diana would leave the hotel the evening she died. Dodi's father, Harrods owner Mohamed al Fayed, claims Paul _____ secret services, who wanted Diana dead. He refuses to believe Mr. Paul was drunk and maintains blood _____ world. Mr Paul was seen having several drinks in the hotel bar hours _____. However, the leading judge in the case, Lord Justice Scott Baker, said the videos show Paul "coming down the stairs, _____ tying his shoelaces, and that there is no indication that his movements were affected by alcohol." The case continues.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionaries / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words '**last**' and '**moment**'.

last	moment

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall exactly how these were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• previously• ten-year-old• edited• rushing• swarmed• fateful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• focus• speculation• agent• fool• shoelaces• indication
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STUDENT PRINCESS DIANA SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about Diana in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What do you know about how Diana, Dodi and Henri Paul died?
- c) Why do you think this inquest has begun, ten years after Diana's death?
- d) Have you seen any of the previously unreleased video footage on the news?
- e) What do you know about the conclusions of other inquiries into the deaths?
- f) What do you think of the paparazzi for swarming around Diana everywhere she went?
- g) What do you remember about the death of Diana and the others?
- h) Are there paparazzi in your country who chase royalty and celebrities?
- i) Why do you think it has taken ten years to see the security video?



STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What do you know about Diana, Princess of Wales?
- c) Do you think the driver Henri Paul was responsible for the deaths?
- d) What do you think of Mohammed Al Fayed's claim that the British secret service killed Diana and his son?
- e) Do you know any other conspiracy theories about Diana's death?
- f) Do you think Henri Paul was OK to drive if he could tie his shoelaces on the stairs?
- g) Do you think the truth will ever be known about Diana's death?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the survivor of the crash?
- i) Did you like this discussion?

LANGUAGE

CORRECT WORD: Put the correct words from a–d below in the article.

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The focus of the inquest is now (7) _____ the actions of Henri Paul, the head of security at the Paris Ritz. There is speculation that he tipped (8) _____ the paparazzi to exactly when and from where Diana would leave the hotel the evening she died. Dodi's father, Harrods owner Mohamed al Fayed, claims Paul was an agent for the British secret services, who wanted Diana dead. He refuses to believe Mr. Paul was (9) _____ and maintains blood tests were faked to (10) _____ the world. Mr Paul was seen having several drinks in the hotel bar hours before he got behind the (11) _____. However, the leading judge in the case, Lord Justice Scott Baker, said the videos show Paul "coming down the stairs, bending down and balancing whilst tying his shoelaces, and that there is (12) _____ indication that his movements were affected by alcohol." The case continues.

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|-----|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) unrefined | (b) unregulated | (c) unrehearsed | (d) unreleased |
| 2. | (a) scenery | (b) scene | (c) scenes | (d) scenic |
| 3. | (a) into | (b) onto | (c) unto | (d) so to |
| 4. | (a) edition | (b) edited | (c) editing | (d) editor |
| 5. | (a) tragic | (b) tragedy | (c) tragically | (d) target |
| 6. | (a) fete | (b) fate | (c) fateful | (d) fatally |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) out | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) out | (d) off |
| 9. | (a) drinker | (b) drink | (c) drank | (d) drunkard |
| 10. | (a) fool | (b) foolish | (c) foolhardy | (d) foolproof |
| 11. | (a) car key | (b) seat | (c) tyre / tire | (d) wheel |
| 12. | (a) none | (b) no | (c) not | (d) no one |

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WRITING:

Write about *Diana* for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

[illegible]

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about the inquest into the deaths of Diana, Dodi and Henri Paul. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DIANA: Make a poster about the life and death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Diana and the things she did for charity. Include imaginary interviews with another prince or princess and a British citizen.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down new words and expressions.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the head of the inquest in London. Ask him three questions about the inquest. Give him three pieces of advice on what he should do to get to the truth. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

a. T b. F c. F d. F e. T f. T g. F h. F

SYNONYM MATCH:

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LANGUAGE WORK

1 - d 2 - c 3 - a 4 - b 5 - a 6 - c 7 - b 8 - d 9 - c 10 - a 11 - d 12 - b