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The Final Chapter? 故事尾声?

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Was Princess Diana murdered?

The verdict is no, according to an inquest held into the cause of her death over the last six months.

The big question was whether the deaths of Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Al Fayed in a fatal car crash in 1997 had been accidental, or whether there was some kind of conspiracy to have them killed.

Dodi's father Mohamed Al Fayed, owner of London's world-famous department store Harrods, has insisted for the last decade that the pair were assassinated by agents of the British state who did not want them to marry.

But his theories now look to have been blown out of the water. The court found that Princess Diana and her boyfriend were not murdered but unlawfully killed due to the "gross negligence" of her driver and the paparazzi. Her driver was drunk at the time of the crash and the paparazzi had been chasing their car.

So is this the end of the Diana story?

British taxpayers may hope so. The inquest has cost them an estimated £10m (140m RMB). "Thank God it's over", was the headline in The Guardian newspaper. UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown said it was time to "draw a line" under the death of the Princess.

But Mohamed Al Fayed has refused to accept the verdict. He says the result will come as a "blow" to millions of his supporters around the world, and has not ruled out launching another investigation.

Whatever happens next, the special place Princess Diana has in the hearts of people around the world is not likely to be forgotten.

Glossary 词汇表

murdered - 被谋杀	verdict - 判决
inquest - 调查、审讯	cause of her death - 她的死因
fatal - 致命的	car crash - 车祸
accidental - 意外的	conspiracy - 阴谋
assassinated - 被暗杀的	agents - 间谍
blown out of the water - 不成立、落空	unlawfully killed - 非法杀害
gross negligence - 明显的疏忽、大意	paparazzi - 狗仔队
taxpayers - 纳税人	estimated 估计(大约)
thank God it's over - 老天，终于结束了	draw a line - 划清界线、到此为止
blow - 打击	ruled out - 排除

1. Reading Quiz 1 阅读测验 1

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. British taxpayers paid for the inquest. True / False
2. The inquest lasted one year. True / False
3. Dodi is older than Mohamed al Fayed. True / False
4. Princess Diana's driver was drunk. True / False
5. Diana had been chasing the paparazzi at her time of death. True / False

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words).

用1-6个词简单回答以下问题.

1. Where is the world-famous department store Harrods?

2. What was the relationship between Diana and Dodi?

3. Why might the British taxpayers be happy the inquest is over?

4. Does Mohamed al Fayed think many people around the world support his theories about Diana's death?

5. Do YOU think this will be the end of the Diana story?

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

从a, b, c中选择最佳答案.

6. Mohamed al Fayed was Diana's _____

a) boyfriend b) father c) boyfriend's father

7. It is _____ the inquest cost £10 million pounds.

a) estimated b) certain c) impossible



8. The paparazzi _____ for a living.
a) make pizza b) take photographs c) play football
9. Gordon Brown wants to "draw a _____" under Diana's death.
a) gun b) shape c) line
10. The inquest found Diana's driver to be grossly _____.
a) negligent b) negligible c) negative

3. Fill in the Blanks 选词填空

Complete the summary with words from the box.

从下列词表中选词填空.

An _____ into the death of Princess Diana has been held in the UK over the last six months. Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Al Fayed died in a _____ car crash in 1997, and the aim of the inquest was to discover whether their deaths had been _____ or the result of a _____. The _____ of the inquest was that they had been unlawfully killed, and that the _____ and the paparazzi had been guilty of "gross negligence". Dodi's father Mohamed Al Fayed has refused to _____ the verdict, and has not _____ further investigations. The inquest has cost _____ an _____ £10 million pounds.

British taxpayers	inquest	conspiracy	ruled out	verdict
accidental	accept	fatal	driver	estimated

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Diana's inquest in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与戴安娜的审讯有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

v	q	e	n	q	u	e	g	c	a	c	c
d	a	i	m	u	r	d	e	r	n	p	o
i	c	r	p	e	z	i	f	a	c	p	n
n	c	a	r	a	z	a	a	s	r	a	s
a	i	w	h	t	p	n	t	h	s	z	p
a	d	s	n	q	u	a	a	s	h	z	i
p	e	o	q	v	i	c	r	f	c	y	r
i	n	q	u	e	s	t	r	a	t	i	a
v	t	v	e	r	d	i	c	t	z	k	c
b	a	d	t	d	i	a	c	a	t	z	y
n	l	h	s	i	e	y	j	l	l	m	i
m	u	r	d	t	e	u	r	d	i	c	t

paparazzi	inquest	conspiracy	accidental	
murder	Diana	fatal	car crash	verdict

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验 1

1. British taxpayers paid for the inquest. True
2. The inquest lasted one year. False
3. Dodi is older than Mohamed al Fayed. False
4. Princess Diana's driver was drunk. True
5. Diana had been chasing the paparazzi at the time of her death. False

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

1. In London
2. Dodi was Diana's boyfriend
3. Because it was very expensive
4. Yes he says he has millions of supporters
5. Yes / No / Maybe – it's up to you to answer!
6. c) boyfriend's father
7. a) estimated
8. b) take photographs
9. c) line
10. a) negligent

3. Fill in the Blanks 选词填空

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4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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	d					a					i
	e						r	f			r
	i	n	q	u	e	s	t		a		a
	t	v	e	r	d	i	c	t	z		c
	a							a		z	y
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