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# THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

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# PREVIEW

## THE TV SHOW

In *The British Royal Family* meet Queen Elizabeth II and her family.

Watch the people of Britain celebrate at the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and at her Diamond Jubilee after sixty



years as Queen! See how the monarchy has changed and learn

all about the new royals, Prince William, his wife Kate Middleton, and his brother Prince Harry.



## THE PEOPLE

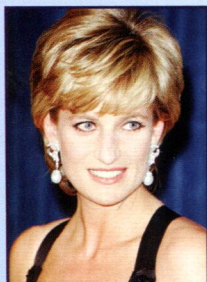
### Queen Elizabeth II

is the oldest queen Britain has ever had. Her husband is Prince Philip and she loves her pet dogs – the royal corgis!



### Prince Charles

is the Queen's eldest son. He was married to Princess Diana and is Princes William and Harry's father.



### Princess Diana

was Britain's favourite princess but she died in a car crash in 1997.



**Camilla** is Prince Charles' second wife. They married in 2005.

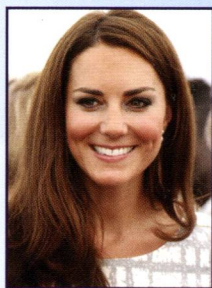
**Prince William** is Diana's oldest child. He will be king after his father, Charles.



**Prince Harry** is William's younger brother. He works in the British Army.



**Kate Middleton** married Prince William in 2011. Millions of people round the world watched the wedding.



## THE PLACES

**Buckingham Palace** is the Queen's main home. It is in the centre of London and it has 775 rooms!



**Westminster Abbey** is a very important religious building in London. It is over 900 years old.



Now watch Clip 1.

What news did Princess Elizabeth hear in Kenya?

# WORD BANK 1

What are these words in your language?

## ROYAL WORDS



coach (n)



crown (n)



monarch (n) monarchy (n)

Queen Elizabeth II is Britain's monarch. Britain is a monarchy.



procession (n)



flag (n)



parachute (n)

**celebrate (vb) celebration (n)**

I usually have a party to **celebrate** my birthday.

**ceremony (n)**

There were fifty people at the **ceremony** when my sister got married.

**charity (n)**

Every month I give money to a **charity** that helps poor children.

**duty (n)**

It is the students' **duty** to clean their classroom every Friday.

**government (n)**

A country's **government** makes its laws and leads its people.

**history (n)**

I like **history** books about kings and queens from the past.

**law (n)**

In Britain you must drive on the left; it's the **law**.

**politics (n) political (adj)**

My dad hates **politics**. He never watches the news on TV.

**power (n) powerful (adj)**

In the past some kings had a lot of **power** but they didn't use it well.

**promise (n & vb)**

My friend **promised** not to tell anyone about my mistake!

**proud (adj)**

My brother is very **proud** of his new sports car.

**religion (n)**

There are lots of different **religions** in my class at school.

**responsibility (n)**

When you have a new baby you have a lot of new **responsibilities**.

**role (n)**

In the film Keira Knightley plays the **role** of a very rich singer.

**rule (vb)**

Our queen has **ruled** our country for a very long time.

**sign (vb)**

If you write a letter, you **sign** your name at the end.

**symbolic (adj)**

In the story the tree is **symbolic** of a big family.

**tradition (n)**

There are many different Christmas **traditions** in Europe.

# Introduction

England has had a king or a queen for more than 1,000 years. For hundreds of years, the king or queen was very important to the people of Britain. They ruled the country and they decided things that changed people's lives. They started fights with other countries. They made laws. Sometimes they chose the religion that people had to follow.

Today the role of the British Royal Family is very different. Queen Elizabeth II has no political power. The British Parliament decides the laws today. The Queen is only a symbolic head of the country. But she has many traditional duties and she works with a lot of charities. She is still important for the British people and most of them are very proud of their Royal Family. The Queen is also famous around the world. People from many countries watch royal celebrations on TV and every year thousands of tourists visit palaces and other royal buildings.

Queen Elizabeth has been Britain's monarch for more than sixty years. But today the world is a very different place and a lot of things have happened to the Royal Family in that time. Is the monarchy still changing? Let's see ...



# CHAPTER 1

## The Queen: a life of duty



The 2012 Olympic opening ceremony is about to begin. Queen Elizabeth II walks through Buckingham Palace with James Bond. Outside a helicopter is waiting for them.

Minutes later, 80,000 people look up into the evening sky. They see a woman with a parachute jumping from a helicopter! Then James Bond jumps too ...

When the 2012 Olympics opened in London, this short film was part of the opening ceremony. Of course, the Queen didn't really arrive by parachute but she showed the world that the British queen enjoys a joke! The role of the monarch has clearly changed a lot since Elizabeth became queen at twenty-six years old.



In 1952, Princess Elizabeth was in Kenya with her husband, Prince Philip. Princess Elizabeth's father, King George VI, was ill. In his place, Princess Elizabeth was visiting several countries in the Commonwealth\*. But she had to stop and return quickly to London. King George died suddenly

\* The Commonwealth is a special group of the world's countries. Read the Fact File on pages 18–19 to learn more.



and now Elizabeth was Queen of England. It was a very sad time for her but she had to start one of the most difficult jobs in the world.

The young Princess Elizabeth knew that her life was going to change greatly. For the rest of her life she had to put her country first and her family second. She had to do all the duties of the Head of State. And the first big ceremony was her Coronation.

It is the tradition for every new king or queen of Britain to have a coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey in London. They give promises to the people and take the British crown. It is a very important day for the whole country. In 1953 everyone in the UK and the Commonwealth planned special celebrations. There were parties in the streets and flags on nearly every house. Millions of people came to London to watch the Queen. Many arrived very early and slept in the streets so that they had a good place to watch the processions. And for the first time TV cameras filmed every moment so that millions more people could watch the ceremony in their homes.



They saw Princess Elizabeth ride to Westminster Abbey in a beautiful coach with twelve horses. They saw her go into the Abbey in a long, white dress. And they heard her promise to give the rest of her life to the people of England. It was a big day and a great responsibility for the young woman but she spoke strongly and clearly. For more than sixty years Queen Elizabeth has done exactly what she promised.

\* \* \*

In the past the kings and queens of England had a lot of power. Now the Queen can't make political changes. Her role is very symbolic. Some people today think that it is too expensive for the country to have a Royal Family. They say it is not necessary now. They think that the Royal Family live a rich and easy life but they don't pay for it.

Other people believe that the Queen does a very important job. Government changes the laws but the Queen has to sign them all. And there are lots of traditions she has to follow. For example she has to wear special clothes and her crown to open and close Parliament\* every year. She has to meet the head of the British government, every week.

Every day Queen Elizabeth has lots of things to do. She has to visit schools, open new museums, go to important shows, meet important foreign visitors and visit a lot of different countries. She gives money and help to many charities too. And all the time she has to smile and be nice to people. It's not always easy!



For sixty years the Queen has done her job well. She has signed more than 3,500 laws. She has answered three and a half million letters! She has been on hundreds of visits to other countries and she has sent more than 175,000 cards to people who reach their hundredth birthday!

\* \* \*

\* Important people in British politics meet at Parliament to discuss and make new laws.

During her time as queen the world has changed a lot. Queen Elizabeth has tried to change the way the people think of the Royal Family too. Elizabeth has brought the Royal Family closer to the people. She started this in 1970 in Australia when she did the first 'walkabout'. She walked close up to the people so they could see her and speak to her. Now everyone in the Royal Family does this when they can.

The Queen has done another important thing. She has allowed the people to see more of her own life. People know a lot about the lives of her children, Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward. Before, people only heard the Queen on the radio when she gave her Christmas message once a year. Later, of course, she did this on television. But during her sixty years as queen there have been many TV films about the life of the Royal Family. In 1969 there was a famous TV show which showed the Royal Family's life at Buckingham Palace. People saw them eat breakfast and talk about everyday things. They saw them taking their dogs for walks. It surprised a lot of people!



The Queen and some of her family having breakfast

People today can also now go inside the Queen's London home – Buckingham Palace. Every summer about 300,000 people visit the palace and see the main rooms and gardens. But they can't see the Queen. She isn't at home! She spends a lot of time away from London

during the summer, though she always returns for her famous summer garden parties!

If you can't visit the Queen in London, you can always visit the Royal Family on your computer! In 1997 the British monarchy started its own website. In 2007 there was a British monarchy YouTube channel and a royal Twitter site and a royal Facebook page appeared in 2010!

## THE QUEEN'S CORGIS



The Royal Family has always loved dogs but Queen Elizabeth's favourites are corgis. These are small, strong dogs from Wales. A long time ago people used them to work with animals. Corgis are small but they like fighting and sometimes they bite the visitors at the palace too!

People say that the Queen hid her favourite pet corgi, Susan, in the royal coach after her wedding in 1947!



*What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.*

*bite wedding*

# GARDEN PARTIES

Every summer the Queen has three garden parties at Buckingham Palace. About 8,000 people come to each one! These parties happen from 4–6pm and people drink tea, eat cakes, walk round the gardens and sometimes meet the Queen.

The people who come are ordinary people with different jobs and lifestyles. The Queen invites them to say ‘thank you’ for things they have done to help people and the country.

If you meet the Queen, you need to know a lot of rules!



When you meet the Queen, call her ‘Your Majesty’ first, and after that call her ‘Ma’am’ – the same sound as ‘I am’



If you are British, the women do a small curtsy, the men give a small bow. (You don’t have to do this if the Queen is not your monarch.)



Do not put your hand out for a handshake but wait for the Queen to do this.



If the Queen stops eating everyone stops eating too!



And never turn your back on the Queen!



*What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.*  
*curtsey bow handshake*

\* \* \*

After sixty years as Queen, Elizabeth II continues to work hard. In 2012, people all over the world saw her popularity with the British people during the three days of celebrations for her Diamond Jubilee.

Thousands of people came to London to watch the celebrations. Many people arrived early and slept in the streets to see her go past as they did on Coronation Day in 1953. Many more people had parties in the streets and watched it on television – and this time it was in colour! But unlike 1953 the weather was not kind during the celebration days. Rain fell on the procession of boats down the River Thames, but the Queen enjoyed every minute. At the end of a very busy day when smiling singers sang to her, she smiled back. Elizabeth II was happy. And after sixty successful years as the Queen of England, she was right to be.



Now watch Clips 2 and 3 and answer the questions on pages 16–17.

 CLIP 2


**1 Watch the clip and complete the sentences with the correct words.**

- a) Before the Coronation people put *pictures / flags* in the streets.
- b) Special people cleaned 3,000 / 300 parts of the crown.
- c) *Three / Twenty* million people came to London for the Coronation.
- d) Queen Elizabeth's Coronation was in *Buckingham Palace / Westminster Abbey*.
- e) The Coronation ceremony was at *11 / 12* o'clock in the morning.

**2 Watch the clip again and tick the correct answers.**

- a) Why did people arrive early in London for the Coronation?
  - i) to have a good rest
  - ii) to meet their friends
  - iii) to get a good place
- b) How did some children celebrate the Coronation?
  - i) they made flags
  - ii) they had street parties
  - iii) they watched TV
- c) What did the Queen do after the Coronation?
  - i) thanked the people
  - ii) returned to Kenya
  - iii) travelled around the UK

**3 What traditions and ceremonies are there when your country gets a new leader?**



## CLIP 3



**1 Watch the clip. Are these sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.**

- |   | True                     | False                    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) The Jubilee celebrations continued for four days.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) The Queen watched the procession from a boat.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Thousands of people watched the boats from the riverside.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Some people climbed trees to see the procession.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) On the second day of celebrations the Queen went to St Paul's Cathedral. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**2 Watch the clip again. Now put the sentences in the correct order.**

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| a) People shouted when the Queen went past.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Some aeroplanes flew over Buckingham Palace.              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) There was a special ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral.      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) There was a procession of boats.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) The Queen returned to Buckingham Palace in an open coach. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**3 Compare the Coronation and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Which things were the same? Which things have changed?**





# THE COMMONWEALTH

Queen Elizabeth II is the head of the Commonwealth. But what is the Commonwealth? What does it do and which countries are part of it?

## A family of countries

The Commonwealth is like a big family of countries with links to Britain. Most of the countries were once ruled by Britain, but today sharing ideas and resources is more important. Commonwealth countries want people to have good government, good schools, good jobs and live well. They buy and sell things between them and the richer countries help the poorer countries with money and teaching. Some countries are big, like India; some are small, like Grenada, in the Caribbean. The people in all these countries have different traditions, history and religions. Most also have their own languages, though a lot of people can speak English, too!

## Did you know?

- ★ There are 54 countries in the Commonwealth.
- ★ The Commonwealth began in 1949.
- ★ 6 out of 10 people who live in the UK have family in another Commonwealth country.
- ★ There are more than two billion people in the Commonwealth.
- ★ Queen Elizabeth II is Head of State for 16 of the Commonwealth countries, including Australia and Canada.
- ★ Over 50% of the people in the Commonwealth are under 25.



The Queen on a Commonwealth visit to Trinidad and Tobago

## The Commonwealth Games

This is a special sports competition for people from all the different countries in the Commonwealth. It happens every four years in a different Commonwealth country. More than 4,000 people compete. It is the third biggest sports competition in the world!

(The biggest is the Olympics, then the Asian Games.)

In 2014 the Games are in Glasgow, Scotland and in 2018 they move to the Gold Coast, Australia.

*Does your country have special links with other countries?*



**What do these words mean?**

*You can use a dictionary.*

**link share resources  
compete / competition**

# WORD BANK 2

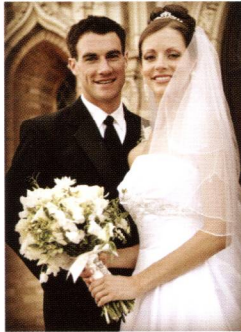
What are these words in your language?



funeral (n)



kiss (n)



wedding (n)

celebrity (n)

Today there are a lot of stories about **celebrities** in magazines.

confident (adj)

confidence (n)

You need a lot of **confidence** to speak to a large group of people.

divorce (n & v)

Susan's parents **divorced** three years ago.

event (n)

You can watch all the important **events** of the week in a news programme on Saturday.

marriage (n)

Jack and Maria had a very long and happy **marriage**.

shy (adj)

I was **shy** when I was young – I didn't like talking to people.

support (vb)

supporter (n)

My dad is a **supporter** of Southampton football club.

## VOCABULARY REVIEW

### 1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- a) When the Queen opens Parliament every year she wears a ...  
i) coach ii) flag iii) crown
- b) Every month I give some money to ...  
i) politics ii) charity iii) law
- c) Martin ... the letter and then he sent it.  
i) promised ii) shared iii) signed
- d) My sister won the competition and I'm very ... of her.  
i) proud ii) happy iii) pleased
- e) All the sports winners were in a special ... and it went through the London streets.  
i) tradition ii) procession iii) role
- f) Our ... teacher taught us about the British kings in the 1700s.  
i) history ii) French iii) sports

# CHAPTER 2

## Trouble at the palace



Princess Diana is probably one of the most famous people in the world. People everywhere, young and old, know her face and her story. They remember the beautiful young princess who married her prince in a wonderful ceremony. But the story has a sad ending. The princess died when she was only thirty-six years old in a terrible car crash. Today there are still questions about why the crash happened. Millions of people watched her funeral. They felt sad for the princess, but also for her two young sons, Princes William and Harry, who now had no mother.

The British people loved Diana, but the young princess did not always agree with Royal Family traditions. Charles and Diana had many problems in their marriage and this was very difficult for the Royal Family.

The Queen wanted the Royal Family to be a good example of family life but this did not always happen. Her own marriage to Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, was very strong but three of her children, and her sister Margaret, all had broken marriages. But it was Charles' marriage to Diana that was the biggest problem for the Queen and the monarchy.

In the beginning everything seemed perfect. Charles, the future king, met Diana, a shy and beautiful young girl and asked her to marry him. Diana was from a very old and important family, the Spencers. When she was young, she wanted to be a dancer but then she grew too tall. When she became Charles' girlfriend she was working in a school for young children. But people weren't sure that Charles really loved Diana. They spoke on television before they got married and some things Charles said about love were surprising.



Their wedding at St Paul's Cathedral\* in London in 1981 was the biggest TV event in history. Diana was popular and she brought new life into the old, traditional Royal Family. She and Charles had two sons, William and Henry, or Harry. But then the problems began.

Charles and Diana were very different. Charles always appeared very quiet but Diana loved dancing and music and clothes. She had lots

\* St Paul's Cathedral is a very big and important church in London.

of friends who were singers and film stars. She cared about poor and ill people and did a lot of work with charities, especially AIDS\* and landmine\*\* charities. People found it easy to talk to her and she was always smiling and laughing with them.



Princess Diana visiting an AIDS charity in Africa

But behind her smiles the young princess was not happy. Diana's friends and supporters say that the problem was Charles. His first love, Camilla, married someone else but Charles never stopped loving her. Diana herself said that there were 'three people' in her marriage. Was this true or not? No one really knows. But Diana became unhappy and started to look for love with different people.

Supporters of Charles say that life was difficult for him because Diana became too popular, too much like a film star. She didn't want to live the same life as other people in the Royal Family, with the same responsibilities. It was clear to everyone that Charles and Diana were very different people and the marriage could not continue.

Finally Diana and Charles divorced. The story was in all the

\* AIDS is a very dangerous illness.

\*\* Landmines are used by some of the world's armies. If you stand on one, it can kill you.

newspapers and Diana became even more popular. She was now a confident celebrity. Every day people read about her clothes, her work with charities, her new boyfriends and the problems between her, the Queen and the Royal Family. The Queen was not happy. But the rest of the world loved the stories.

Then, on August the 31st, 1997, people everywhere woke up to hear the news that Diana was dead. She and her boyfriend, Dodi Al Faed, were in a car crash in Paris. Both of them died.



In the days after the news the British people showed how much they loved Diana. Many thousands of people brought flowers to put outside her home, Kensington Palace. People waited to hear words from the Queen – but she didn't say anything. She and her family were at their Scottish summer home, Balmoral Castle, and they didn't return to London. The British people were very angry. They wrote messages with the flowers. Some messages said that Diana's death was the Queen's fault. They said that the Royal Family was unkind to Diana before she died.





The Queen had a big problem now. Because Charles and Diana were divorced, Diana was not part of the Royal Family. The law said that she couldn't have the same funeral as a real princess. The British people didn't agree. The Royal Family suddenly became very unpopular and a lot of British people said that they didn't want a monarchy any more. This was a dangerous time for the Queen. In the end, she returned to London. She was very surprised to see all the people and all the flowers outside the palace. She knew that things had to change.

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# ROYAL HOUSES

Buckingham Palace is not the Royal Family's only home. They use a lot of houses and castles in Britain. Here are three of them.

## Kensington Palace

British Royals have lived in this London palace since 1689. Diana, Princess of Wales, lived here until she died in 1997. Now it is the London home of William and Kate, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



## Windsor Castle

In 1080 William the Conqueror built this castle just outside London. It is the oldest royal home in Britain and it is also the biggest castle in the world where people still live.

## Balmoral Castle

Balmoral Castle is in a beautiful part of Scotland and it is the Royal Family's favourite place to spend their summer holiday.



Did the Royal Family really understand the British people's love for Diana? No one really knows, but in the end there was a big funeral for Diana – just like for a real royal princess. Many of the funeral guests were unusual for a royal event. Instead of kings and queens there were a lot of celebrities. A famous singer, Elton John, played and sang a special song for Diana in Westminster Abbey. It was a very sad day. One of the saddest things was the procession behind Diana's body. In front were her two young sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. Their mother's short life changed the Royal Family forever.



Princess Diana's funeral procession

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Almost eight years after Diana died, in 2005, Charles married Camilla. This was a difficult day for the Queen because some British people didn't like Camilla very much. They still remembered Diana and they thought Charles was unkind to her. They didn't want Camilla to be a future queen. So, it wasn't a big event and the Queen didn't go to the first part of the ceremony. Charles' two sons William and Harry went to the wedding and were happy for their father.

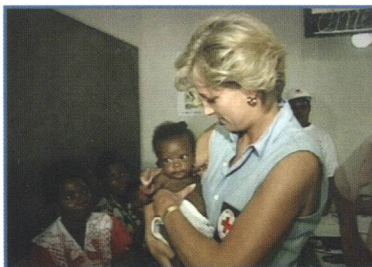
Camilla will never be as popular as Diana but Prince Charles' second marriage seems much stronger. He has known Camilla for a long time and they share a lot of interests. William and Harry will never forget their mother but they support their father and his new wife.



The British monarchy has often had difficult times, but it has also learnt to change. After Diana died, the Queen learnt that the feelings of the British people are very important ... sometimes more important than the long history of royal traditions.



**Now watch Clips 4 and 5 and answer the questions on pages 30–31.**

 CLIP 4**1 Watch the clip and tick the correct answers.**

- a) When was Diana born?  
 i) 1961  ii) 1981  iii) 1997
- b) What was Diana's family name?  
 i) Windsor  ii) Henry  iii) Spencer
- c) What did Diana usually have for breakfast?  
 i) toast  ii) eggs  iii) nothing
- d) How many children did Diana and Charles have?  
 i) 2  ii) 3  iii) 4
- e) How many of Diana's charities does the speaker talk about?  
 i) 1  ii) 2  iii) 3
- f) Where did Diana die?  
 i) in England  ii) in the USA  iii) in France

**2 Focus on language. Look at these sentences from the clip.**

Match the words in bold with their meanings.

- a) 'Can you **sum up** how you feel?' i) talked about in public  
 b) 'She **spoke out** against landmines.' ii) continue  
 c) 'I want to **carry on** and make her proud.' iii) say in a few words

**3 Why was Diana so popular with the public, do you think?**

 **CLIP 5****1 Watch the clip and match the sentence halves.**

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| a) Charles and Camilla first met               | i) different people before.      |
| b) Camilla is                                  | ii) closer after their divorces. |
| c) Both Charles and Camilla married            | iii) 30 years ago.               |
| d) Charles and Camilla became                  | iv) at Windsor Castle.           |
| e) The second part of the wedding ceremony was | v) very different from Diana.    |

**2 Watch the clip again. Complete the sentences with the missing words.**

- a) In \_\_\_\_\_ Charles and Camilla finally got married.
- b) The people in the streets were \_\_\_\_\_ for Charles and Camilla.
- c) The Royal Family came together for the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the ceremony.
- d) A lot of famous people had \_\_\_\_\_ to the castle.
- e) After the wedding ceremony Charles and Camilla smiled for their \_\_\_\_\_.

**3 How was Charles' second wedding to Camilla different from his first wedding to Diana?**

# FAMOUS BRITISH kings and queens

Queen Elizabeth II is the 38th monarch of England. Her family goes back more than 1,000 years! It's difficult to remember the names of all the kings and queens of England but some are more famous than others, for good **and** bad things!



## Henry VIII (1491-1547)

### Six wives

Henry really wanted to have a son to be king after him so he married a lot of times! He had two strong daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, but his only son, Edward, wasn't very strong. Edward died when he was only 15 years old.

### Religion

Henry changed England's religion from Catholic to Protestant because the Pope didn't allow him to divorce his first wife, Catherine. Henry became the head of England's new religion. Then he divorced his wife and kept the church's money in England instead of sending it to the Pope. Henry's new 'Church of England' is still the main religion in Britain today.

### Interests

Henry was a clever man and he loved books and music. He was tall, good looking and strong and played many sports. Henry also loved good food – a lot! Later in life he became very fat and ill. He died at the age of 56.



## Elizabeth I (1533-1603)

### Golden Age

Elizabeth I was one of Henry VIII's daughters and she was one of the strongest monarchs ever. During her time as queen England became much richer and stronger in the world. Queen Elizabeth's 'Golden Age' was also a wonderful time for English music and drama.

### Elizabethan fashion

Elizabeth I is famous for her beautiful clothes and big dresses. She also started the fashion to put white make-up on her face. Other women (and men) copied her. Now people know that this make-up was quite dangerous!

*What do these words mean?  
You can use a dictionary.  
popo golden drama  
empire link*

## Queen Victoria (1819-1901)

### Empire

Queen Victoria was queen for 64 years – the longest time for a British monarch. During that time, Britain became a very important and rich country. Britain had a very big empire and Victoria ruled over 25% of the people in the world.

### Family

Victoria's marriage to Albert was a real love story! When he died in 1861 she was very, very sad. She wore black clothes for the rest of her life. Victoria and Albert had nine children and thirty-seven great-grandchildren. Many of the royal families in Europe today have links to Victoria – the 'grandmother of Europe'.



*Who is the most famous ruler of your country?*



## WORD BANK 3

What are these words in your language?



army (n)



art (n)



helicopter (n)

### generation (n)

My parents' **generation** was the first to use computers a lot. My grandparents' generation did not use them at all.

### media (n)

My sister is a newspaper photographer and my brother writes for a TV show. They both work in the **media**.

### relaxed (adj)

Everyone on the beach was **relaxed** and smiling.

### strict (adj)

My last teacher was very **strict**. She did not allow any talking in lesson time!

### train (vb) training (n)

Do you need a lot of **training** to become a fast runner?

# VOCABULARY REVIEW

## 1 Answer the questions.

- a) Can you name a famous **monarch** from your country or somewhere else?
- b) What is an important **tradition** in your country?
- c) Can you name a big sports **event** in your country?
- d) What are the colours of your **flag**?
- e) Who is a big **celebrity** in your country at the moment?
- f) Whose **wedding** have you been to or seen on TV recently?

## 2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- a) My dad works for the *business* / *government*.
- b) My uncle died last month and we went to his *funeral* / *palace*.
- c) The Queen hasn't got a lot of *rules* / *power*.
- d) My brother and his wife *supported* / *divorced* last month.
- e) The new girl in our class is very *confident* / *shy* and doesn't speak much.
- f) It's my *responsibility* / *training* to clean my room.
- g) A *helicopter* / *train* went to help the people in a boat.
- h) My mum is *strict* / *relaxed* and we have to get up at 7.30 every day.

# CHAPTER 3

## The new royals

Elizabeth II is Britain's oldest monarch ever! Now a new generation of young royals is making the monarchy popular with young people all over the world.

Princes William and Harry (his real name is Henry) have a lot to thank their mother Diana for. When the boys were born she wanted their lives to be different from other royal children. Their father Charles had a difficult time when he was young. He didn't see his parents often and he went away to a very strict school. Diana wanted her children to know love. When they were young she was with them nearly all the time. She played games and had fun with them. And when she had to go to other countries, she often took them with her. She didn't like leaving them with other people.



Diana and Charles didn't always agree about the children's lives. Charles wanted to teach them about their future responsibilities. Diana wanted them to enjoy being children for as long as possible. William and Harry learnt different things from both parents. Over the years they became relaxed and confident young men.

Of course, soon photographers were following them all the time. Young girls all over the world wanted to marry them! They were both good looking, funny and intelligent young men.

## WHO WILL BE THE NEXT BRITISH KING OR QUEEN?

When the Queen dies, Prince Charles will be the next king. After him William will be king. And after him, the next king or queen will be William and Kate's eldest child. Will Harry ever be king? Probably not!



## Harry



It is a tradition for princes from the Royal Family to train and work in the army. Harry was very happy to do this. He didn't enjoy school very much! But he enjoyed his army training, and later he learnt to fly army helicopters. Harry loves his job and he's very good at it. It is sometimes difficult for him because he can't always fight with his men. He can't go to very dangerous places because he is an important person in the Royal Family.

Harry also loves sport. He plays a lot of sports himself and he supports Arsenal Football Club. He also does a lot of charity work with young people in Africa, just like his mother did. He goes on royal visits to other countries too.

Harry likes dangerous and exciting activities and has done a lot of unusual things. In 2011 he crossed the Arctic to get to the North Pole with a group of army friends. It was a long way and it was very cold!

## William



William worked hard at school and he was a good student. But he wanted to see some more of the world before university. Like many students, he took a 'gap year' – a one-year break from study. He went to Belize with the British Army, worked on a farm in the UK and helped a charity in Chile. There he taught English and did ordinary things like cooking and cleaning for the first time!



After his gap year, William chose to study History of Art at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Later, he changed his course but while he was studying History of Art he met his future wife – Kate Middleton. At first they were just good friends, and then they became boyfriend and girlfriend.

Kate comes from an ordinary family. Her parents didn't begin their lives as rich people. They worked hard and started their own business. Kate and William had a happy time together at St Andrews. Luckily the media agreed to stay away from William while he was studying. Because of this the relationship between William and Kate could grow easily. They didn't have photographers with them all the time.



After university William started army training and then the media started following him and Kate more often. This was hard for Kate and she stopped seeing William for a short time. But soon they were back together again and nearly two years later, on April 29th 2011, they got married at Westminster Abbey.

It was a wonderful day for William and Kate, for the Royal Family and for everyone who watched it in London or on television. Harry was

proud to be William's best man\* . It was a different event from Diana and Charles' wedding twenty-nine years before. Diana was a beautiful but shy bride. Kate was beautiful but she also had a strong, quiet confidence. She and William seemed very relaxed together. They smiled, laughed and joked a lot after the ceremony. Their kiss at Buckingham Palace was on the front page of newspapers around the world!



The Queen gave William and Kate the new royal names of 'Duke and Duchess of Cambridge' and their marriage was a new beginning for the Royal Family. William now has an important and exciting job. He flies helicopters that find and save people at sea or on land. But he and Kate also spend a lot of time on royal visits. People love the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and their relaxed way of talking to the media. Their modern lives are part of the changing traditions of Britain's Royal Family.

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\* The best man at a wedding is a good friend of the man who is getting married. He helps before and during the wedding ceremony.



# ARISE SIR

The Royal Family has given 'honours' to its people for hundreds of years. In the past people got honours for their bravery. Becoming a knight was the highest honour in the country!

Today, the tradition of honours continues. Every year a special group of officers choose the people who will become knights. Then the Queen knights them at a special ceremony in Buckingham Palace.

In the past the monarch used a sword and said the words: Arise Sir\* ... ! The Queen still uses a sword but she doesn't say the famous words now! And women can become knights too. They are called 'Dame'!

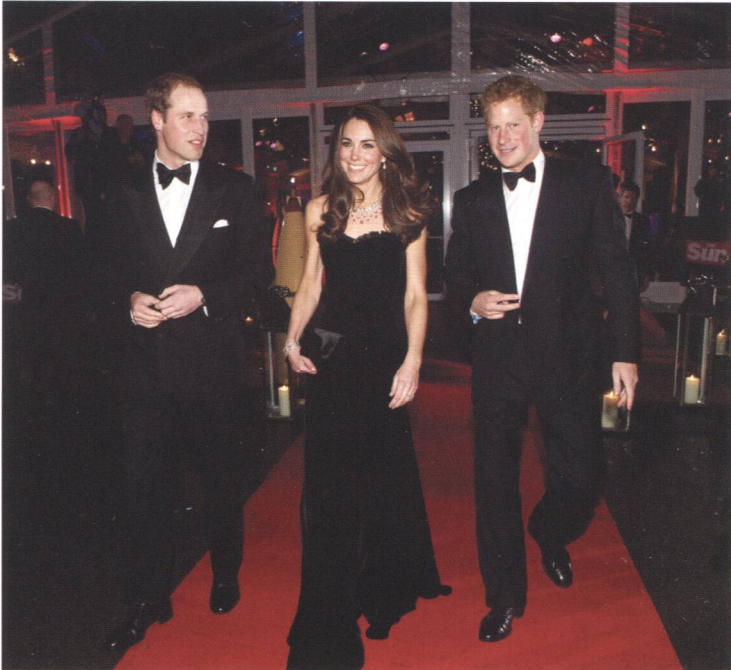
In our modern world, famous people like film stars, scientists, or business leaders can become knights too. They often get honours for a long life of good work or for their charity work. Famous knights include Dame Judi Dench, Sir Paul McCartney and Sir Bill Gates.



**What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.**  
**honour bravery knight sword**

\* 'Arise' is an old English way to say 'get up' or 'stand up'.

The young royals, Prince Harry and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, are leading many of the changes in today's Royal Family. Most British people feel that the Royal Family is closer to them now. They have a responsible job to do and they do it well. Many countries in the world have lost their royal families but today it seems that the British monarchy is stronger than ever.



Now watch Clips 6 and 7 and answer the questions on pages 44–45.

 CLIP 6**1 Watch the clip and answer the questions.**

- a) How old was Prince William when his mother died?
- b) What kinds of jobs did William do in Patagonia? Give two examples.
- c) Where did William go to university?
- d) Where did William meet Kate Middleton?
- e) Why did Kate and William go their different ways for a while?
- f) In what year did Kate and William get married?

**2 Watch the clip again. Now complete these sentences with the correct words.**

better bravely closer important love simple

- a) Prince William enjoys doing \_\_\_\_\_ things.
  - b) Princess Diana gave her boys a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) Millions of people saw William's \_\_\_\_\_ at his mother's funeral.
  - d) Charles, William and Harry became \_\_\_\_\_ after Diana died.
  - e) William got \_\_\_\_\_ university results than his father.
  - f) After university, Kate became an \_\_\_\_\_ part of William's life.
- 3 Would you like to spend a year working or studying in another country? Where would you go and what would you do?**

 CLIP 7**1 Watch the clip. Are these sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.**

- |   | True                     | False                    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Harry is two years younger than William.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Harry is a shy person.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Harry and William wrote messages on Charles and Camilla's wedding car. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Harry and William went to different schools.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Harry didn't go to university.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Harry started army training after William.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Now Harry flies helicopters in the army.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**2 Who does these things? Watch the clip and write H for Harry and W for William. You can write H and W for some sentences.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ chose his brother as best man at his wedding.
- \_\_\_\_\_ went to school at Eton College.
- \_\_\_\_\_ joined the British army after school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ packed boxes for charity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ planned a charity concert.

**3 The speaker says Harry is 'fun-loving'. Give three examples from the clip that show this.**

# SELF-STUDY ACTIVITIES

Look at Chapters 1–4 again and answer the questions.

## 1 Who's who? Match the people.

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| a) Queen Elizabeth II's son    | i) Prince William   |
| b) Prince William's brother    | ii) Princess Diana  |
| c) Prince William's mother     | iii) King George VI |
| d) King before Queen Elizabeth | iv) Camilla         |
| e) Prince Charles' wife now    | v) Prince Philip    |
| f) Katherine's husband         | vi) Prince Charles  |
| g) Queen Elizabeth's husband   | vii) Prince Harry   |

## 2 Choose the correct answers.

- a) Elizabeth became Queen when she was  
i) 22   ii) 24   iii) 26
- b) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was in  
i) 1997   ii) 2010   iii) 2012
- c) Diana died in a crash in a  
i) train   ii) plane   iii) car
- d) When Diana died the Queen  
i) immediately talked to the people  
ii) organised the funeral  
iii) stayed in Scotland

## 3 Read the Fact File on pages 18–19. Circle the correct answers.

- a) Queen Elizabeth II *is / is not* head of the Commonwealth.
- b) *All / Some* of the Commonwealth countries are rich countries.
- c) The Commonwealth countries have *the same / different* histories and traditions.

- d) The first language in all Commonwealth countries *is / isn't* English.
- e) The Commonwealth began in *1949 / 1953*.
- f) Over 50% of the people in the Commonwealth are under *25 / 18*.
- g) Commonwealth countries share their *resources / religions*.
- h) The Commonwealth Games happens in the *UK / different countries*.

**4 Read the Fact File on pages 32–33 and write the correct monarch: Henry VIII (H), Elizabeth I (E) or Victoria (V)?**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ wore a lot of black clothes.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ was monarch during England's 'Golden Age'.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ made a new religion.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ was monarch of many countries.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ was very fashionable.
- f) \_\_\_\_\_ ate a lot.
- g) \_\_\_\_\_ had many children.

**Writing**

- 1 Choose one of the people you have read about in the book and write a page from their diary.
- 2 Imagine you are a journalist. Write a short newspaper report for one these events:
  - a) the Coronation
  - b) the Diamond Jubilee
  - c) Diana's funeral
  - d) William and Kate's wedding

# CONVERSATIONAL LANGUAGE



## CLIP 8

**1 Watch the clip. What do you say in these situations? Match the situations and the conversational language.**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a)</b> You don't like maths, but your friend invites you to join the school's maths club. | <b>i)</b> 'It's really cool!'                       |
| <b>b)</b> Your friend gives you a present that you like a lot.                               | <b>ii)</b> 'I'm not a big fan!'                     |
| <b>c)</b> Someone asks, 'What do you think of Katy Perry?' You don't really like her music.  | <b>iii)</b> 'No way!'                               |
| <b>d)</b> Your Mum asks, 'Why don't you invite Julia to your party?'                         | <b>iv)</b> 'Well, she's a bit, you know*, strange.' |

**2 Complete the sentences with the conversational language.**

- a) Tina:** Hi, do you like my new dress?  
**Katy:** Yes! \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Sally:** What do you think of the new boy in class?  
**Janie:** He's really funny and, \_\_\_\_\_, good looking!
- c) Rose:** Would you like to watch this One Direction music DVD?  
**Pete:** No thanks. \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Leo:** Can you lend me £25?  
**Jack:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* 'You know' doesn't mean very much but British people use it a lot in conversation.