

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Queen Elizabeth II is well known throughout the world. She is the Queen of sixteen countries but lives in the United Kingdom. Her ancestors have ruled over the UK for over a thousand years. She holds enormous power over her 129 million subjects, but rarely gets involved with politics. She is a hard-working Queen who has adapted to world changes over six decades.

Elizabeth has many other positions besides being a monarch. She is Head of the Commonwealth (the collection of 16 nations), Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Chief of Fiji and head of many parts of the UK armed forces. She married a Greek prince in 1947. Her husband is known as the Duke of Edinburgh.

Elizabeth was born in London in 1926. She was third in line to the throne and never expected to become queen. She was on safari in Kenya when she received news that her father had died and she was the new Queen. She was crowned in 1953 and soon after the ceremony she went on a six-month world tour to visit her people.

Elizabeth has always taken her position as Queen extremely seriously. She has never given a press interview, and no one knows her political views. She has been the ultimate professional throughout her working life. Even her dress has stayed conservative. She is famous for her plain-coloured coats. She continues to attend many cultural events as part of her public role.

242 words

Flesch Kinkaid 7.5

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. throughout | a. leader |
| 2. ruled | b. adjusted |
| 3. adapted | c. ruler |
| 4. besides | d. around |
| 5. monarch | e. been in power |
| 6. head | f. apart from |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 7. expected | g. perfect |
| 8. received | h. opinions |
| 9. tour | i. role |
| 10. position | j. supposed |
| 11. views | k. trip |
| 12. ultimate | l. got |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Queen Elizabeth II is well known | a. her political views |
| 2. Her ancestors have ruled over the UK | b. politics |
| 3. rarely gets involved with | c. as the Duke of Edinburgh |
| 4. Elizabeth has many other positions | d. professional |
| 5. Her husband is known | e. to visit her people |
| 6. She was third in | f. throughout the world |
| 7. she went on a six-month world tour | g. her plain-coloured coats |
| 8. no one knows | h. for over a thousand years |
| 9. She has been the ultimate | i. besides being a monarch |
| 10. She is famous for | j. line to the throne |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Queen Elizabeth II is _____ the world. She is the Queen of sixteen countries but lives in the United Kingdom. _____ over the UK for over a thousand years. She holds _____ her 129 million subjects, but rarely gets involved with politics. She is a hard-working Queen who has adapted to world _____.

Elizabeth has many other _____ monarch. She is Head of the Commonwealth (the collection of 16 nations), Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Chief of Fiji and _____ of the UK armed forces. She married a Greek prince in 1947. Her _____ the Duke of Edinburgh.

Elizabeth was born in London in 1926. She was _____ throne and _____ become queen. She was on safari in Kenya when _____ her father had died and she was the new Queen. She was crowned in 1953 and soon after the ceremony _____ world tour to visit her people.

Elizabeth has always taken her position as Queen _____. She has never given a press interview, and no one _____. She has been _____ throughout her working life. Even her dress has stayed conservative. She is famous for her plain-coloured coats. She continues _____ events as part of her public role.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Queen Elizabeth II is well *known / know* throughout the world. She is the Queen of sixteen countries but *living / lives* in the United Kingdom. Her ancestors have *rulers / ruled* over the UK for over a thousand years. She holds enormous power over her 129 million subjects, but *rare / rarely* gets involved with politics. She is a hard-working Queen who has adapted to world changes over six decades.

Elizabeth has many *another / other* positions *next to / besides* being a monarch. She is Head of the Commonwealth (the *collecting / collection* of 16 nations), Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Chief of Fiji and head of many parts of the UK armed forces. She married a Greek prince in 1947. Her husband is *known / knowing* as the Duke of Edinburgh.

Elizabeth was born in London in 1926. She was third in line *of / to* the throne and never expected *for / to* become queen. She was *on / in* safari in Kenya when she received news that her father had died and she was the new Queen. She was crowned in 1953 and soon after the ceremony she went *in / on* a six-month world tour to visit her people.

Elizabeth has always taken her position *was / as* Queen extremely seriously. She has never given a *press / pressed* interview, and no one knows her political views. She has been the ultimate professional throughout her working life. Even her *dress / dresses* has stayed conservative. She is famous for her plain-coloured coats. She continues to attend many cultural events as part *with / of* her public role.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. well kownn throughout the world
2. Her ancestors have duler over the UK
3. She holds enormous ropew
4. lyraer gets involved with politics

Paragraph 2

5. many other positions dessibe being a monarch
6. the collection of 16 nnotsia
7. the UK aerdm forces
8. Her husdban is known as the Duke of Edinburgh

Paragraph 3

9. never deepetxc to become queen
10. She was on airfas in Kenya
11. she eevierdc news that her father had died
12. after the enyromec

Paragraph 4

13. lkeymetre seriously
14. She has never given a psers interview
15. the jaltuetm professional
16. Even her esrsd has stayed conservative

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the new Queen. She was crowned in 1953 and soon after the ceremony she
- () become queen. She was on safari in Kenya when she received news that her father had died and she was
- () interview, and no one knows her political views. She has been the ultimate professional throughout her
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- () has adapted to world changes over six decades.
- () power over her 129 million subjects, but rarely gets involved with politics. She is a hard-working Queen who
- () went on a six-month world tour to visit her people.
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- () working life. Even her dress has stayed conservative. She is famous for her
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- () Elizabeth has always taken her position as Queen extremely seriously. She has never given a press
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- () lives in the United Kingdom. Her ancestors have ruled over the UK for over a thousand years. She holds enormous

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. world well Queen known Elizabeth throughout II the is

2. over over a the thousand UK years for ruled

3. gets politics involved rarely with

4. Elizabeth besides has being many a other monarch positions

5. as Her the husband Duke is of known Edinburgh

6. line in third was She throne the to

7. safari on was She Kenya in

8. has given press She never a interview

9. ultimate the been has She professional

10. is famous coloured for coats her She plain

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Queen Elizabeth II?
2. Would you like to meet Queen Elizabeth II?
3. What would you like to know about Queen Elizabeth II and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Queen Elizabeth II?
2. What questions would you like to ask Queen Elizabeth II?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II SURVEY:

Write five questions about Queen Elizabeth II in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING:

Write about Queen Elizabeth II for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper.
Correct each other's work.

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 Queen Elizabeth. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. QUEEN ELIZABETH II POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Queen Elizabeth II. 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 Queen Elizabeth II. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Queen Elizabeth II. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Queen Elizabeth II expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.