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**Level 6 – 6th February, 2022**

## U.K. Queen celebrates platinum jubilee

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

The UK's Queen Elizabeth II marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday by holding a reception for members of her local village. The Queen, 95, ascended to the British throne on February the 6th 1952 following the death of her father King George VI. The Queen will mark her 70-year anniversary as the UK monarch at her country estate. One attendee at Saturday's reception said the Queen was in "sparkling" form. She added: "Seventy years on the throne shows the Queen has been a moving example to absolutely everyone in all walks of life. She has been constant, compassionate and stoic - everything that makes a perfect human being. She has great strength of character and has overcome so many things."

The Queen was on safari in Kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father. The then 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth was immediately elevated to being the sovereign. She is Britain's longest serving monarch. The previous record-holder, Queen Victoria, was Queen for 63 years. She died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth has been an ever-present part of UK life for almost a century. She has seen 14 Prime Ministers and 14 US presidents come and go. She has also owned more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) during her reign. Fox News wrote that the Queen has had, "an unprecedented reign that has made her a symbol of stability as the United Kingdom navigated an age of uncertainty".

Sources: <https://www.royal.uk/platinumjubilee>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/queen-elizabeth-marks-70-years-throne>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10462325/Everything-need-know-Queen-Elizabeth-IIs-Platinum-Jubilee.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. THE U.K. QUEEN:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the U.K. Queen. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Queen / platinum / jubilee / local / village / anniversary / compassionate / stoic / safari / news / sovereign / monarch / record / century / presidents / corgi / stability

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

**3. MONARCHY:** Students A **strongly** believe every country should have a monarchy; Students B **strongly** believe no country should have one. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** What should the UK do to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Holiday		
Music		
Parties		
Food		
TV		
Coins		

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

**6. ROYALTY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about royalty at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Jewellery
- Palaces
- Servants
- Service
- Cars
- Food
- Holidays
- Parties

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. marked        | a. Acknowledged or celebrated an important event with a particular action.   |
| 2. reception     | b. Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others.   |
| 3. ascended      | c. A formal social occasion held to welcome someone or to celebrate an event.  |
| 4. monarch       | d. A very large area of land in the countryside, usually with a large house, owned by one person, family, or organization. |
| 5. estate        | e. Moved up to a higher social or professional rank.   |
| 6. compassionate | f. A king, queen, emperor, sheikh or sultan.   |
| 7. stoic         | g. A person who can take pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining.                                   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. elevated       | h. The state of being stable.   |
| 9. ever-present   | i. Never done or known before.  |
| 10. reign         | j. Raised or lifted something or someone to a higher position.          |
| 11. unprecedented | k. Found a way through a difficult period of time.                      |
| 12. stability     | l. Existing or occurring at all times; always there.                    |
| 13. navigated     | m. A period of history.   |
| 14. age           | n. Hold royal office; rule as a king, queen, emperor, sheikh or sultan. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The UK Queen held a reception for soldiers and sailors. **T / F**
2. The Queen's father was King George VI. **T / F**
3. A reception attendee said the Queen's jewellery was sparkling. **T / F**
4. The reception attendee said the Queen has stoicism and compassion. **T / F**
5. The Queen was on safari when she heard the news she would be Queen. **T / F**
6. The second-longest serving British monarch reigned for 63 years. **T / F**
7. There have been 14 US presidents while the Queen has been Queen. **T / F**
8. Fox News said the Queen has reigned throughout an age of certainty. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>marked</b>        | a. without equal |
| 2. <b>reception</b>     | b. uncomplaining |
| 3. <b>monarch</b>       | c. rule          |
| 4. <b>sparkling</b>     | d. sovereign     |
| 5. <b>stoic</b>         | e. passing       |
| 6. <b>death</b>         | f. party         |
| 7. <b>serving</b>       | g. era           |
| 8. <b>reign</b>         | h. glittering    |
| 9. <b>unprecedented</b> | i. working       |
| 10. <b>age</b>          | j. celebrated    |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday | a. the UK monarch         |
| 2. ascended to the                         | b. reign                  |
| 3. mark her 70-year anniversary as         | c. many things            |
| 4. absolutely everyone in all              | d. serving monarch        |
| 5. overcome so                             | e. British throne         |
| 6. The Queen was on                        | f. uncertainty            |
| 7. She is Britain's longest                | g. walks of life          |
| 8. an ever-present part                    | h. by holding a reception |
| 9. the Queen has had an unprecedented      | i. of UK life             |
| 10. an age of                              | j. safari in Kenya        |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

The UK's Queen Elizabeth II (1) \_\_\_\_\_ her platinum jubilee on Saturday by holding a reception for members of her local village. The Queen, 95, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the British throne on February the 6th 1952 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the death of her father King George VI. The Queen will mark her 70-year anniversary as the UK (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at her country estate. One attendee at Saturday's reception said the Queen was in "(5) \_\_\_\_\_" form. She added: "Seventy years on the throne shows the Queen has been a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ example to absolutely everyone in all walks of life. She has been constant, compassionate and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ - everything that makes a perfect human being. She has great strength of character and has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ so many things."

*monarch*  
*ascended*  
*stoic*  
*sparkling*  
*marked*  
*overcome*  
*following*  
*moving*

The Queen was on (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in Kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father. The then 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth was immediately (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to being the sovereign. She is Britain's longest serving (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The previous record-holder, Queen Victoria, was Queen for 63 years. She died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth has been an ever-(12) \_\_\_\_\_ part of UK life for almost a century. She has seen 14 Prime Ministers and 14 US presidents come and go. She has also (13) \_\_\_\_\_ more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) during her (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Fox News wrote that the Queen has had, "an unprecedented reign that has made her a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of stability as the United Kingdom navigated an (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of uncertainty".

*present*  
*age*  
*elevated*  
*reign*  
*safari*  
*symbol*  
*owned*  
*monarch*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

- 1) Queen Elizabeth II marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hold in a reception
  - b. holding a reception
  - c. hold din a reception
  - d. hold ding a reception
- 2) The Queen will mark her 70-year anniversary as the UK monarch at \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. her country estate
  - b. her counter is state
  - c. her country's state
  - d. her countries state
- 3) the Queen has been a moving example to absolutely everyone in all \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. walk soft life
  - b. walks off life
  - c. walks of life
  - d. wars scoff life
- 4) She has been constant, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. compassionate and stock
  - b. compassionate and stoic
  - c. compassionate and stocking
  - d. compassionate and stow wick
- 5) She has great strength of character and has \_\_\_\_\_ things
  - a. sober come as many
  - b. sober come so many
  - c. over comes oh so many
  - d. overcome so many
- 6) Princess Elizabeth was immediately elevated to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. been the sovereign
  - b. bing the sovereign
  - c. be in the sovereign
  - d. being the sovereign
- 7) Queen Elizabeth has been an ever-present part of UK life for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. almost a century
  - b. almost the century
  - c. all mow star century
  - d. rail must a cent cherry
- 8) She has also owned more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. during her rain
  - b. during her realm
  - c. during her Rhine
  - d. during her reign
- 9) the Queen has had, "an unprecedented reign that has made her a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. symbol off stability
  - b. symbol of stability
  - c. symbol oft stability
  - d. symbol if stability
- 10) as the United Kingdom navigated an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. age of fun sir tainted
  - b. age of uncertainty
  - c. age of an certainty
  - d. age of non certainty

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

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The Queen was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father. The then 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth was immediately (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the sovereign. She is Britain's longest serving monarch. The previous record-holder, Queen Victoria, was Queen for 63 years. She died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth has been an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of UK life for almost a century. She has seen 14 Prime Ministers and 14 US presidents come and go. She has also owned more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Fox News wrote that the Queen has had, "an unprecedented reign that has made her a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as the United Kingdom (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of uncertainty".



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

1. Who attended the Queen's reception on Saturday?
2. Who was the Queen's father?
3. What kind of form did someone say the Queen was in?
4. To whom has the Queen been a moving example?
5. What did a woman say the Queen has overcome?
6. Where was the Queen 70 years ago?
7. Who is Britain's second-longest serving monarch?
8. How many U.S. presidents have there been in the past 70 years?
9. How many corgi dogs has the Queen owned?
10. What did Fox News say the Queen has navigated?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

- 1) Who attended the Queen's reception on Saturday?
  - a) government ministers
  - b) the Army
  - c) children
  - d) local villagers
- 2) Who was the Queen's father?
  - a) King Edward VII
  - b) King George VI
  - c) King Charles I
  - d) King Henry VIII
- 3) What kind of form did someone say the Queen was in?
  - a) top form
  - b) bad form
  - c) the sixth form
  - d) sparkling form
- 4) To whom has the Queen been a moving example?
  - a) her staff
  - b) athletes
  - c) everyone in all walks of life
  - d) her family
- 5) What did a woman say the Queen has overcome?
  - a) a huge problem
  - b) stress
  - c) a thing or two
  - d) so many things
- 6) Where was the Queen 70 years ago?
  - a) Kiribati
  - b) Canada
  - c) Kenya
  - d) Chad
- 7) Who is Britain's second-longest serving monarch?
  - a) Queen Victoria
  - b) King Edward VII
  - c) Queen Elizabeth I
  - d) King Ethelred the Unready
- 8) How many U.S. presidents have there been in the past 70 years?
  - a) twenty
  - b) fifteen
  - c) fourteen
  - d) nine
- 9) How many corgi dogs has the Queen owned?
  - a) around 30
  - b) more than 30
  - c) exactly 30
  - d) fewer than 30
- 10) What did Fox News say the Queen has navigated?
  - a) an age of uncertainty
  - b) the seven seas
  - c) a problem or two
  - d) delicate issues

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

## **Role A – Jewellery**

You think jewellery is the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): servants, food or palaces.

## **Role B – Servants**

You think servants are the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): jewellery, food or palaces.

## **Role C – Food**

You think food is the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): servants, jewellery or palaces.

## **Role D – Palaces**

You think palaces are the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): servants, food or jewellery.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

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

platinum	jubilee

- 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 how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• holding</li><li>• following</li><li>• estate</li><li>• form</li><li>• walks</li><li>• character</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• received</li><li>• longest</li><li>• century</li><li>• go</li><li>• 30</li><li>• age</li></ul>
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# THE U.K. QUEEN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the U.K. Queen 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.

# THE U.K. QUEEN DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'platinum'?
3. What do you know about the UK's Queen?
4. What do you think of the Queen working at the age of 95?
5. What do you think of the Queen ruling for 70 years?
6. When was the last time you were in 'sparkling' form?
7. How important is it to be compassionate and stoic?
8. Do you have great strength of character?
9. What do you think of your country's head of state?
10. What advice do you have for the Queen?

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# THE U.K. QUEEN DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'jubilee'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the idea of kings and queens?
15. Why do some countries have a monarchy?
16. Would you like to be a royal?
17. What do you know about the Queen's family?
18. What's your favourite dog?
19. What uncertainty has there been during the Queen's reign?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Queen?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |              |               |                |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) braked    | (b) embarked | (c) made      | (d) marked     |
| 2.  | (a) at        | (b) on       | (c) of        | (d) to         |
| 3.  | (a) matriarch | (b) monarch  | (c) patriarch | (d) parch      |
| 4.  | (a) council   | (b) housing  | (c) estate    | (d) turf       |
| 5.  | (a) moved     | (b) movement | (c) moving    | (d) moves      |
| 6.  | (a) stoic     | (b) epoch    | (c) stowaway  | (d) rhetoric   |
| 7.  | (a) of        | (b) on       | (c) at        | (d) in         |
| 8.  | (a) elevated  | (b) upped    | (c) increased | (d) heightened |
| 9.  | (a) every     | (b) ever     | (c) all       | (d) whole      |
| 10. | (a) gone      | (b) going    | (c) go        | (d) went       |
| 11. | (a) rain      | (b) rune     | (c) reign     | (d) run        |
| 12. | (a) endless   | (b) span     | (c) old       | (d) age        |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. One tdeeetan
2. at Saturday's eoperntci
3. Seventy years on the tnhore
4. a moving example to sobtelauly everyone
5. constant, compassionate and tosci
6. She has great strength of cterraach

## Paragraph 2

7. immediately elevated to being the nvsrieeog
8. Britain's longest serving ohnmcra
9. for almost a uetnycr
10. an unprecedented reing
11. made her a symbol of staiylibt
12. aivengdat an age of uncertainty

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) The UK's Queen Elizabeth II marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday by holding a reception for members
- ( ) of life. She has been constant, compassionate and stoic - everything that makes a perfect
- ( ) and go. She has also owned more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) during her reign. Fox News
- ( ) 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth was immediately elevated to being the sovereign. She is Britain's longest serving
- ( ) symbol of stability as the United Kingdom navigated an age of uncertainty".
- ( ) The Queen was on safari in Kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father. The then
- ( ) of her local village. The Queen, 95, ascended to the British throne on February the 6th 1952 following
- ( ) on the throne shows the Queen has been a moving example to absolutely everyone in all walks
- ( ) the death of her father King George VI. The Queen will mark her 70-year anniversary as the UK monarch at her country
- ( ) wrote that the Queen has had, "an unprecedented reign that has made her a
- ( ) been an ever-present part of UK life for almost a century. She has seen 14 Prime Ministers and 14 US presidents come
- ( ) human being. She has great strength of character and has overcome so many things."
- ( ) monarch. The previous record-holder, Queen Victoria, was Queen for 63 years. She died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth has
- ( ) estate. One attendee at Saturday's reception said the Queen was in "sparkling" form. She added: "Seventy years

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

1. reception local her members village . for A of
2. Mark UK anniversary monarch . as the her 70-year
3. said sparkling She form . the was Queen in
4. of life . in walks Absolutely everyone all
5. Queen The great strength has character . of
6. the When death . news she of received
7. was Elizabeth being elevated sovereign . immediately the to
8. UK She's life . of part an been ever-present
9. owned 30 She corgis . than also has more
10. an United navigated uncertainty . Kingdom The of age

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220206-platinum-jubilee.html>

The UK's Queen Elizabeth II marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday by holding a *receptive / reception* for members of her local village. The Queen, 95, ascended *to / at* the British throne on February the 6th 1952 following the death of her father King George VI. The Queen will *park / mark* her 70-year anniversary *has / as* the UK monarch at her country estate. One *attendee / attendance* at Saturday's reception said the Queen was in "sparkling" form. She added: "Seventy years *in / on* the throne shows the Queen has been a *movement / moving* example to absolutely everyone in all *runs / walks* of life. She has been constant, compassionate and *stoicism / stoic* - everything that makes a perfect human being. She has great strength of character and has *overcome / overdone* so many things."

The Queen was *on / in* safari in Kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father. The *there / then* 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth was immediately elevated to being the *sovereign / sovereignty*. She is Britain's longest serving monarch. The *impervious / previous* record-holder, Queen Victoria, was Queen for 63 years. She died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth has been an ever-present part of UK life for almost *the / a* century. She has seen 14 Prime Ministers and 14 US presidents come and *gone / go*. She has also owned more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) *during / while* her reign. Fox News wrote that the Queen has had, "an *unprecedented / precedence* reign that has made her a symbol of *stable / stability* as the United Kingdom navigated an age *of / at* uncertainty".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the queen was on safari in kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father the then 25yearold princess elizabeth was immediately elevated to being the sovereign she is britains longest serving monarch the previous recordholder queen victoria was queen for 63 years she died in 1901 queen elizabeth has been an everpresent part of uk life for almost a century she has seen 14 prime ministers and 14 us presidents come and go she has also owned more than 30 corgis her favourite dog during her reign fox news wrote that the queen has had an unprecedented reign that has made her a symbol of stability as the united kingdom navigated an age of uncertainty

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE U.K. QUEEN:** Make a poster about the U.K. Queen. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MONARCHIES:** Write a magazine article about more countries having a monarchy. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on the U.K. Queen. Ask him/her three questions about her. Give him/her three pieces of advice for her. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a    2. c    3. e    4. f    5. d    6. b    7. g  
8. j    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. f	3. d	4. h	5. b
6. e	7. i	8. c	9. a	10. g

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Local villagers
- King George VI
- Sparkling form
- Everyone in all walks of life
- So many things
- Kenya
- Queen Victoria
- Fourteen
- More than 30
- An age of uncertainty

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- A reception for members of her local village.
- Mark her 70-year anniversary as the UK monarch.
- She said the Queen was in sparkling form.
- Absolutely everyone in all walks of life.
- The Queen has great strength of character.
- When she received news of the death.
- Elizabeth was immediately elevated to being the sovereign.
- She's been an ever-present part of UK life.
- She has also owned more than 30 corgis.
- The United Kingdom navigated an age of uncertainty.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)