

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You'll hear the information about Coventry and about Warwick, Kenilworth and Rugby, towns that are near Coventry. What is special about them? According to the text mark the statements 1—4 true (T) or false (F). You will hear the recording twice.

- n) _____ Coventry ['kʌvəntri] Cathedral was built during World War II.
- 2) _____ The new cathedral was built next to the old one.
- 3) _____ Kenilworth ['kenəlwɜ:θ] was visited by Queen Elizabeth II.
- 4) _____ Rugby ['rʌɡbi] gave its name to a new kind of sport.

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the information about Clarence House. According to the text mark the statements 1—9 true (T) or false (F).

Clarence House sits behind the garden wall of St James's Park. It was the London home of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and on fine summer days Queen Elizabeth entertained her guests,¹ who came to Clarence House, in the open air in the park. The Queen and her guests talked and had tea. They sat at the table that was decorated with beautiful flowers.

Clarence House had been the Queen Mother's town house since 1953 when she and her daughter Princess Margaret moved from Buckingham Palace after her husband King George VI died. Queen Elizabeth became Queen Mother. And since that time Buckingham Palace has been the home of Queen Elizabeth II, her elder daughter. Buckingham Palace is a royal symbol and the queen lives there.

The Queen Mother made Clarence House a wonderful place for living; she decorated it with real masterpieces: unique paintings, rare sculptures and beautiful furniture. Family portraits and photographs are everywhere. All the Queen's clothes she had ever worn could be found in the wardrobes. All the things around the Queen reflected the story of her life.

The Queen's guests liked her home, most of all they liked it on 4 August when the Queen Mother celebrated her birthday. For Clarence House's guests and for the Queen Mother it was the day of a carnival, a street party and a royal theatre. The Queen Mother's birthday parade on the day was wonderful. When the Queen Mother celebrated her one hundredth birthday thousands of people came to Clarence House to say, "Happy birthday to you!" The Queen Mother looked so wonderful on that day that someone shouted: "Same time next year Ma'am." (Ma'am is short for Madam.)

Clarence House was built between 1825 and 1828 for William, the Duke² of Clarence, later King William IV. When the King died in 1837, the house became

¹ a guest [gest] — гость

² a duke — герцог

the home of his sister. Then the house became the home of this or that royal relative. Clarence House is never open to the public.

- 1) _____ The Queen Mother moved to Clarence House after her husband died.
- 2) _____ The Queen Mother left Buckingham Palace after it became the home of her daughter Queen Elizabeth II.
- 3) _____ The Queen Mother made Clarence House a wonderful place for relaxing.
- 4) _____ Clarence House was beautifully decorated by the Queen Mother.
- 5) _____ The Queen Mother celebrated her birthday in Buckingham Palace every year.
- 6) _____ Many things from Clarence House can tell you a lot about the life of the Queen Mother.
- 7) _____ The Queen Mother lived more than 100 years.
- 8) _____ Clarence House was built in the nineteenth century.
- 9) _____ Clarence House was built for the Queen Mother.

