

1. Read about this popular English king and answer the questions.

Henry VIII

Henry VIII was a king of England. He was born on June 28th 1491 in London. His parents were King Henry VII and Queen Elizabeth of York.



When he was a young boy, Henry didn't go to school. From Monday to Sunday a teacher went to the palace and taught him and his older brother, Arthur, to read and write. Henry was a very clever boy and he had a special talent to speak different languages. He also enjoyed playing sports and he was one of the first people to play tennis in England. At that moment tennis balls were smaller than now and they were made of dog hair.

When he was 18 years old, his father died and Henry became the new king of England. He married Catherine of Aragon and they had a daughter. Catherine was a good wife, but Henry decided to divorce her because they couldn't have a son. After he divorced Catherine, Henry had five more wives.

He was a great king for England, but most people didn't like him very much and were afraid of him. He killed two of his wives and usually shouted at people. He was a cruel and arrogant man. He died at the age of 56 in 1547.

1. Henry and his brother had lessons two days a week. **TRUE** **FALSE**
2. What was Henry good at when he was young?

3. Henry got married five times. **TRUE** **FALSE**
4. Why were people frightened of King Henry VIII?

5. What was Henry VIII like?
