

## Queen Elizabeth the Second



Elizabeth II is Queen of the United Kingdom and fifteen other Commonwealth realms (countries). Elizabeth was born in London in 1926, the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. She had one sister, Princess Margaret, who was two years younger. Her Majesty is married to Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. They got married in 1947. They have got four children: Prince Charles (the heir to the throne), Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. She has eight grandchildren. She has many royal residences (homes). The main one is Buckingham Palace in London. She spends a lot of time at Windsor Castle in the south of England and at Balmoral in Scotland. The Queen has had her problems over the years! The death of Princess Diana in 1997 was a difficult time for the royal family. There have also been divorces among her children. Anne, Andrew and Charles have been divorced. Prince Philip has made rude remarks about 'foreigners' in the past. Recently, the Queen's grandson Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle left the UK to go and live in California. They have given an interview with Oprah Winfrey. There is scandal about Prince Andrew and his links with unsuitable people. However, the Queen's popularity is never in question. Even Republicans, that is, people who want to abolish the monarchy, respect her. Until the Covid-19 epidemic, the Queen was very busy, travelling the country. She still contributes to public life. She recently encouraged everybody to have the Covid vaccination. She stood by Ukraine and supported us!

Elizabeth the Second, rest in peace!

Answer the following questions about the Queen in full sentences:

1. Who is Elizabeth the Second? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When and where was she born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How old is she? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many brothers and sisters did she have? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is her husband? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When did they get married? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many children has she got? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who will be the next monarch? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which of her palaces is in London? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which famous princess died in 1997? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What percentage of her children have been divorced? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who is Prince Harry's wife? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Where do Prince Harry and his wife live now? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you know what nationality Oprah Winfrey is? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Is the Queen popular and well-respected? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What did the Queen encourage everybody to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to go to London? Would you like to see the Queen? What would you like to tell or ask her?