

The ROYAL FAMILY of DENMARK

Denmark is a small nordic country in Northern Europe. Its flag is red and white.

The kingdom of Denmark includes the Faroe Islands and Greenland. They consist of the Jutland Peninsula and 406 islands.

There are about **six million** people living in Denmark.

The capital city is **Copenhagen** and the most important cities are Aarhus and Odense.

The main language is **Danish**, but they also speak German as a second language.

The official currency is the **Danish Krone**.

It's a Constitutional Monarchy from 1849 to present. It means that there is a queen and a Prime Minister. She is a woman, **Mette Frederiksen**.

The Queen of Denmark is **Margrethe II**. She became the Queen when her father King Frederick IX, died. She was born in 1940 in Copenhagen. She is 83 years old. She married **Henri de Laborde de Monperat**. He wasn't a King. Henri died in 2018.

They had two sons, Crown Prince Frederick and Prince Joachim.

Prince Frederick is 55 years old. He was born on 26th May 1968. He married Mary Donaldson in 2004. She is 51 years old and she was from Australia. They have four children, two boys and two girls. They are Prince Christian, he is 17 years old; Princess Isabella, she is 16 years old; Prince Vincent, he is 12 years old; and Princess Josephine, she is 12 years old. They are twins.

Prince Joachim is 54 years old. He was born on 7th June 1969. He married Alexandra Manley and they have two sons, Count Nikolai and Count Felix. Nikolai is 23 years old and Felix is 21.

Prince Joachim divorced in 2005 and he married again. His second wife is Marie Cavallier. She is 47 years old. They have two children, Count Henrik and Countess Athena. He is 14 and she is 11 years old.

The Queen lives in **Amalienborg Palace**, in Copenhagen. It was built between 1750 and 1768, by the famous Danish architect, Nikolai Eigtved. They are four rococo buildings.

The **Fredensborg Palace** is the Danish Royal family's spring and autumn residence.

One of the most important monuments in Denmark is **the Little Mermaid statue**. It's made of bronze and granite, by the sculptor Edvard Eriksen. It's based on the story THE LITTLE MERMAID by Hans Cristian Andersen. Or even, **Rundertaarn** (Round Tower) which was built in the 17th century as the oldest functioning observatory in Europe.

ACTIVITIES

1. Choose the best answer about Danish Royal Family.

1. What's the capital city of Denmark?

☐

London

☐

Copenhagen

☐

Berlin

2. What colour is its flag?

☐

Red and White

☐

Red and Black

☐

White and Orange

3. What languages do they speak?

☐

German and Dutch

☐

Spanish and Danish

☐

Danish and German

4. How many people live in Denmark?

☐

400.000 people

☐

6.000.000 people

☐

2.000.000 people

5. What's the name of the Danish coin?

☐

Euro

☐

Pound

☐

Krone

6. What's the Queen's name?

☐

Margrethe II

☐

Margrethe I

☐

Isabella II

7. How many children has the Queen got?

☐

two

☐

five

☐

four

8. What's her youngest son's name?

☐

Frederick

☐

Joachim

☐

Christian

9. How old is Frederick?

☐

41

☐

55

☐

57

10. What's the Crown princess' name?

☐

Anne

☐

Isabella

☐

Mary

11. Who are twins?

☐

Christian and Isabella

☐

Vincent and Josephine

☐

Isabella and Josephine

12. How many children has Joachim got?

☐ four

☐ three

☐ two

13. What's Joachim's second wife's name?

☐ Marie

☐ Alexandra

☐ Athena

14. What's the name of the Danish Royal Palace?

☐ Fredensborg Palace

☐ Buckingham Palace

☐ Amalienborg Palace

2. Find 6 verbs in Past Simple Tense and write them.-

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3. Fill in the blanks.-

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- She became the _____ when her father King Frederick IX, died.
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- Prince Joachim _____ in 2005 and he married again.
- The *Fredensborg Palace* is the Royal family's spring and _____ residence.

divorced - people - autumn - Queen - married