

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photo. Who are the man and woman? Can you name any of their family members?

His brother's name is ...

His grandmother's name is ...



2 **1.20** Read the text. Match paragraph headings 1–5 with paragraphs A–D. There is one heading that you do not need.

1 An ordinary couple    4 William's family  
2 Together at university    5 Kate's family  
3 Royal duties

## A ROYAL COUPLE

A

Prince William is a member of the British royal family. He's the Queen's grandson and the eldest son of Charles and Diana. His brother's name is Harry. Diana, their mother, isn't alive now, but they have a stepmother, Camilla.

B

William's wife is Kate Middleton. She is originally from an ordinary family – but of course, she's now the Duchess of Cambridge and part of the royal family! Kate has a brother, James, and a sister, Pippa. Their parents, Michael and Carole, have an online business.

C

In some ways, Kate and William are a normal couple. They have friends from university and they have hobbies and interests too. For example, William loves football and Kate likes photography. In the winter, they go skiing together.

D

In other ways, their lives are very different from their friends' lives. William is the future King of the United Kingdom – and fifteen other countries too, including Canada and Australia. Kate and William have a lot of official duties. They help charities in the UK and Africa, they visit other countries and they meet important visitors to the UK.

3 Read the text again. Are the sentences true or false?

1 Camilla is William's mother.  
2 William's wife is the Duchess of Cambridge.  
3 Kate is one of two children.  
4 James is William's cousin.  
5 William is a football fan.  
6 The King or Queen of England is also the King or Queen of Australia.

4 **1.21** **VOCABULARY** Complete the text with the words below. (Use the wordlist in the Workbook to help you.) Then listen and check.

elections government laws Parliament parties queen

**Monarchy** The UK is a monarchy. This means that the monarch (the king or <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_) is the official head of the country. However, the British monarch does not have political power because Parliament makes the <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, the monarch is not allowed to enter the Parliament building!

At <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the British people vote to choose their local MP (Member of <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_). These MPs are usually members of political <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The leader of the party with the most MPs becomes Prime Minister – head of the British <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

5 **1.22** Listen to three people talking about the British monarchy. Match two opinions with each speaker. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the chart below.



Opinion	Speaker
a They're attractive.	
b They're old-fashioned.	
c They're good for tourism.	
d They work hard.	
e It's interesting to read about them.	
f They're part of our history.	

6 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1 Is your country a monarchy? Who has political power?  
2 Can you think of any other monarchies in the world?  
3 Do you think monarchies are a good or bad idea? Give a reason. Use the vocabulary in exercise 5 to help you.