



The Queen

What does the Queen do
with her time?

What we already know about Queen Elizabeth II...

Elizabeth was born on **21st April 1926 as Princess Elizabeth**. (It was her birthday just a couple of weeks ago and she turned 94!

When she became queen she took part in a special ceremony called **a coronation**.

She loves dogs and has her own dogs called **corgi's**.



Elizabeth's Childhood

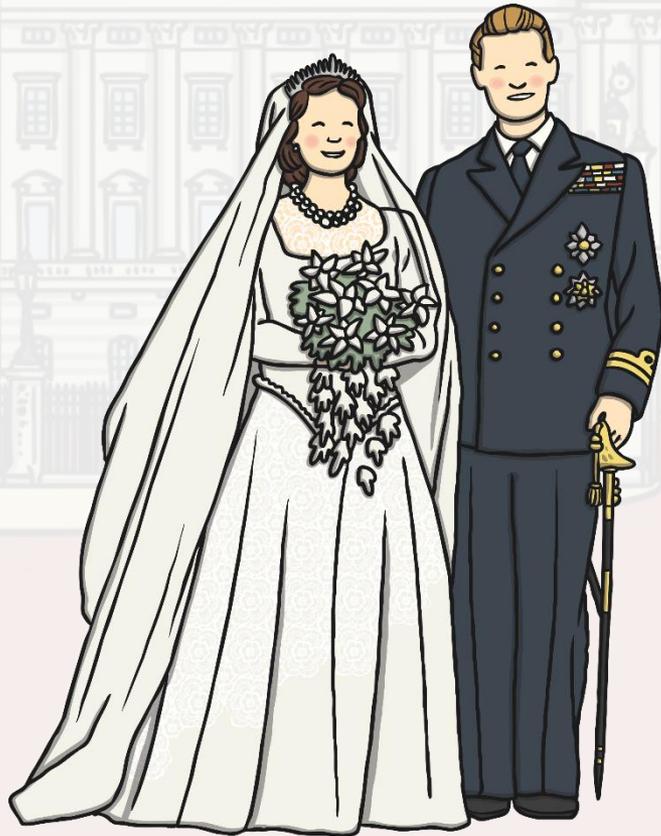
Princess Elizabeth was taught privately at home, not at school. This means she was **home schooled**.

She studied art and music and enjoyed drama and swimming.

When she was 11, she joined the **Girl Guides**- this is like the scouts, beavers or brownies that some of you enjoy attending.



Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh Get Married



Princess Elizabeth **married Philip** Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh on 20th November 1947 in Westminster Abbey.

She was **21 years old** when she got married.

They received **2500 wedding gifts** from around the world!

The Role of the Queen



- The Queen does not govern the country, but does carry out many **important jobs**.
- The Queen is **Head of the Church of England**. She appoints Bishops and Archbishops on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- The Queen is **Head of the Armed Forces**. She is the only person who can **start and end war with other countries**.
- The Queen is not allowed to vote. However, she meets **weekly with the Prime Minister**.

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Representing the Country

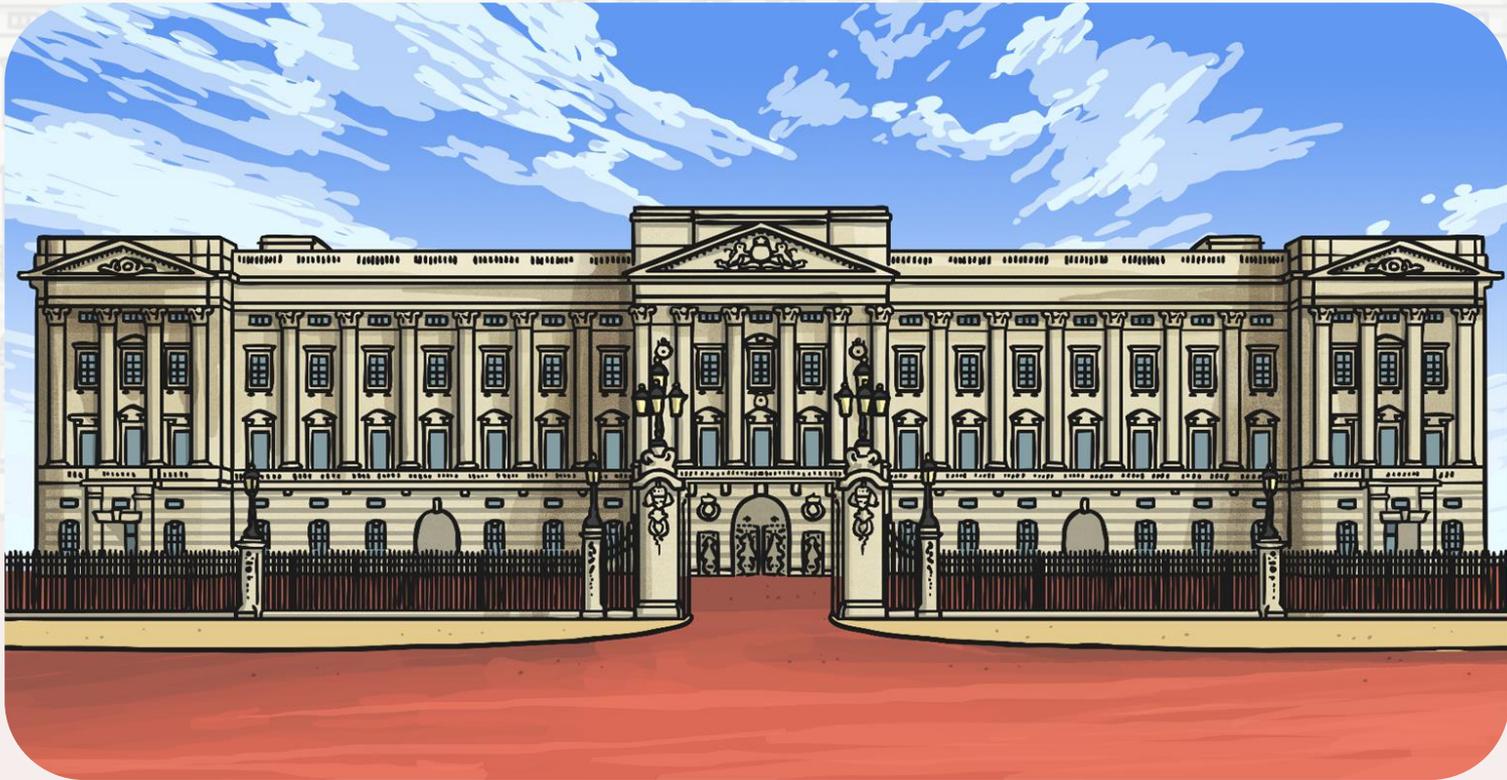
As Head of State, the Queen travels abroad on official State visits. She also invites other Heads of State from around the world to visit the U.K.

One of the Queen's most important duties is on **Remembrance Sunday**. She lays a wreath at the Cenotaph in London to remember members of the armed forces who have died fighting for their country.



The Queen's Homes

Her Majesty's official house in London is **Buckingham Palace**.



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She also spends lots of time at **Windsor Castle**.
The Royal Family chose the name 'Windsor' as their surname
after Windsor Castle.



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The National Anthem

'God Save the King' was a patriotic song first performed in London in 1745. Today, it is known as the National Anthem.

God save our gracious Queen!

Long live our noble Queen!

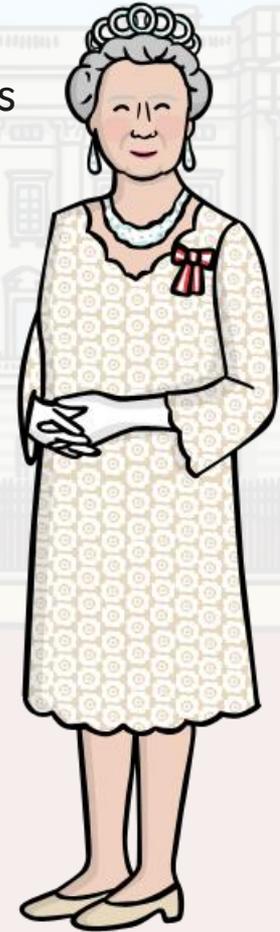
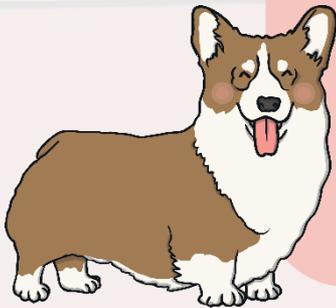
God save the Queen!

Send her victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the Queen.



The Longest-Reigning Monarch

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has served for **64 years** and is the longest-reigning monarch. This means she has been Queen for the longest amount of time.



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Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday

In the UK, the Queen's birthday is celebrated on the second Saturday of June each year which means she **gets 2 birthdays!** One in April and one in June.

In 2020, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II turned 94, **the first Queen to reach this age.**

She still works now, devoting herself to this country and its people.



Fun Facts About the Queen

- I have nine thrones; six at Buckingham Palace!
- I have 'sat' for my portrait to be painted over 130 times!
- I send telegrams to congratulate people who reach the age of 100.
- I was the first, and so far the only, female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces.
- Corgis are my favourite dogs. I have owned more than 30 corgis during my reign.



In Summary, The Queen has lots of important jobs that she has to complete in a day. Her days can be very busy...

- She is in charge of the church and the army.
- She talks to the Prime Minister every day about how the country should be run.
- She loves corgi's and has had 30 in total!
- She celebrates her birthday 2 times a year.
- She writes letters to people every day and always writes to someone on their 100th birthday.
- She has had her picture painted 130 times!

Todays' activity:

If you were king or queen for the day what would you do? Would you take a helicopter ride over London? Would you ask the chef to create you the worlds biggest chocolate cake? Would you spend the day playing with your corgi's or would you simply explore the palace?

Can you think of at least 2 things you would do if you were king or queen for the day?