



The British Royal Family

WHERE DO THEY BELONG?

Activity 1

Study the Royal Family poster and complete the royal titles with the names of places:

Prince Philip, Duke of

Prince Charles, Prince of

Prince William, Duke of

Prince Harry, Duke of

Princess Diana, Princess of

Catherine, Duchess of

Camilla, Duchess of

Meghan, Duchess of

Prince Andrew, Duke of

Prince Edward, Earl of



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Activity 2

Imagine you are to travel across Britain and stop at all the geographical locations mentioned in the royal titles (e.g. in Wales for the Prince of Wales). You set off from Edinburg and travel south clockwise.

Find these places on the map and complete the list:

- a *Edinburgh*
- b
- c
- d
- e
- f
- g

Which of these places is the farthest from London?

.....

Which is the closest?

.....



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IT'S A WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Activity 3

Read the following sentences and decide whether they are true (T) or false (F).

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	The roots of the Commonwealth go back to the British Empire when some countries were ruled directly or indirectly by Britain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Commonwealth countries span Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and the Pacific.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Commonwealth is 90 years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	All Commonwealth countries have an equal say.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	The Head of the Commonwealth is Prince Charles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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AT YOUR SERVICE

Activity 4

Go to **The Royal Family Channel** on You Tube and watch #MaundyMoney in 2019. Then answer the following questions:

What did she do?

.....

Who did she meet?

.....

What is Maundy money?

.....

Is there a similar tradition in your country?

.....

On a personal note...

- Have you ever donated to a charity? If so, what was it and why did you do it?
- Have you ever worked as a volunteer? If so, what organisation was it? If not, would you ever consider it?



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TWO HATS ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Activity 5

Royal Ascot is an annual high-society horse racing event which goes back to the 18th century. From the very start it has been synonymous with high fashion and hats have always been an important part of the dress code.

Search online for images of Ascot hats. You can try Royal Ascot: the perfect hat or #Ascot#hats on You Tube. Choose some to share with other students and arrange them in the following categories:

The funniest

The most extravagant

The most beautiful

The one you would definitely wear

The one you would never wear

What do we call someone who makes and sells women's hats?

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What is the name of a shop selling hats?

.....

Have you ever worn a hat? If so, what was the occasion? How formal was it?

.....



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BIG OCCASION, SMALL TALK?

Activity 6

You need 3 words from the list below to complete the gaps.

invites impact walks hosts influence

Every summer, The Queen three Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace, and one at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Scotland. They give the Queen an opportunity to speak to people from all of life, who have done something important and made a positive in their community.



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BIG OCCASION, SMALL TALK?

Activity 7

Which of the following do you think you can do when greeting and addressing the Queen?

ask questions



do a neck bow

shake hands

offer a hot drink

do a small curtsy

Check online if you are right.



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LEST WE FORGET...

Activity 8

Go online and find the answers to the questions below.

Why is number 11 so important on Remembrance Day?

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What does the red poppy symbolise?

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The picture below shows how Remembrance Day was celebrated in the Tower of London in 2014. Find out more about this artistic installation and write a short note about it.





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THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Activity 9

The state opening of Parliament is accompanied by a series of events, many of them quite unusual. After the Queen arrives at the Palace of Westminster, she puts on long Robe of State and goes to the House of Lords. Then, the representative of the House of Lords asks the Commons to come and listen to the Queen's speech, but the door to the Commons isslammed in his face. Find out why at www.royal.uk.



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THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Activity 10

Now that you have learnt a little bit about these important royal events, match the words from the list below with the names of the events and complete the table:

red tunics 1949 dress code bearskin hats 53 member countries
11 November the British Empire the Queen's speech about 27 000 cups of tea
a two-minute silence small silver coins Scotland slamming the door
Poppy Day Palace of Holyroodhouse Buckingham Palace hats
horse racing 11.00 a.m. it lasts 45 minutes First World War

Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace

Commonwealth Day

Royal Maundy Service

Royal Ascot

Garden parties

Remembrance Day

The State opening of Parliament



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EXTRA IDEAS

1

Write 5-10 sentences about the event from the list above you would most like to take part in and justify your choice.

2

Imagine that a member of the royal family is coming to your school/town. Write a speech welcoming him/her.

3

Imagine that you have a unique opportunity to ask the Queen 5 questions. What would they be?

4

You have been invited to a royal garden party. Find out how to make small talk and write a short dialogue between:

- You and a member of the royal family
- You and one of the other guests

5

Describe briefly a celebration / tradition which is unique to your country.



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ANSWER KEY

Activity 1

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
 Prince Charles, Prince of Wales
 Prince William, Duke of Cambridge
 Prince Henry, Duke of Sussex
 Princess Diana, Princess of Wales
 Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge
 Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall
 Meghan, Duchess of Sussex
 Prince Andrew, Duke of York
 Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex

Activity 2

- Edinburgh
- York
- Cambridge
- Sussex
- Wessex
- Cornwall
- Wales

Which of these places is the farthest from London? Edinburgh
 Which is the closest? Sussex

Activity 3

- The roots of the Commonwealth go back to the British Empire when some countries were ruled directly or indirectly by Britain. **True**
- Commonwealth countries span Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and the Pacific. **True**
- Commonwealth is 90 years old. **False**
- All Commonwealth countries have an equal say. **True**
- The Head of the Commonwealth is Prince Charles. **False**

Activity 4

- What did she do? – The Queen distributed special Maundy money to a group of people from all across the UK - nominated for their work in the community.
- Who did she meet? People nominated for their work in the community all across the UK. E.g. John Cooper aged 91 who used to be an aeronautical design engineer.
- What is Maundy money? The symbolic money distributed in white purse by the Queen. The Maundy coins usually equal in pence the age of the Monarch, so in 2019 it was 93 pence. The red purse contains money for clothing and provisions. In 2019 it was a 5 pound coin commemorating 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth and 50 pence coin portraying Sherlock Holmes.
- Is there a similar tradition in your country? Open question – the answers depend on the group

Activity 5

What do we call someone who makes and sells women's hats? A hatter/a milliner but currently a hat designer seems to be more popular name for the job.

What is the name of a shop selling hats? A millinery

Have you ever worn a hat? If so, what was the occasion? How formal was it? – open questions

Activity 6

Every summer, The Queen **hosts** three Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace, and one at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Scotland. They give the Queen an opportunity to speak to people from all **walks** of life, who have done something important and made a positive **impact** in their community.

Activity 7

- shake hands - NO
- ask questions - NO
- do a small curtsy - YES
- do a neck bow - YES
- offer a hot drink - NO

You can check at [meeting_and_greeting_the_royals](#)

Activity 8

Go online and find the answers to the questions below.

- Why is number 11 so important on Remembrance Day? **Remembrance Day** marks the **day** World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th **day** of the 11th month, back in 1918. Nowadays, people remember those who were lost in the war by holding a two-minute silence and by wearing a red poppy.
- What does the red poppy symbolise? The **red poppy** is a symbol of Remembrance and hope, including hope for a positive future and a peaceful world. **Poppies** are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, veterans and their families.
- The picture below shows how Remembrance Day was celebrated in the Tower of London in 2014. Find out more about this artistic installation and write a short note about it. – open task

Activity 9

At the State Opening The House of Lords official known as 'Black Rod' is sent to summon the House of Commons to meet the Queen. The door to the Commons is first symbolically slammed in his face, which symbolises the Commons' independence from the monarchy. Black Rod then strikes the door loudly three times with his ebony staff, or rod, before it is opened, and the 250 Members of the House of Commons follow him back to the Lords Chamber, to stand at the opposite end to the Queen's Throne.

Activity 10

Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace	11.00 it lasts 45 minutes red tunics bearskin hats
Commonwealth Day	53 member countries the British Empire 1949
Royal Maundy Service	small silver coins
Royal Ascot	hats horse racing dress code
Garden parties	Palace of Holyroodhouse Scotland Buckingham Palace about 27 000 cups of tea
Remembrance Day	11 November a two-minute silence Poppy Day First World War
The State opening of Parliament	slamming the door The Queen's speech