

Denise Sarrach: Lesespurgeschichten Englisch Landeskunde 5–7

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The Royal Family

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a parliamentary monarchy (*parlamentarische Monarchie*) with a long history. Queen Elizabeth II is its head (*Oberhaupt*). The British people love their monarch, and they are very interested in the Queen and her family.

To find out more about the Royal Family, start reading at number 1.

- 1 Queen Elizabeth II was born in 1926 as Princess Elizabeth. She was the first daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Her father was the head of monarchy before her.
- 2 Prince Charles is the eldest of the Queen's children. He was born in 1948. Prince Charles has the title 'Prince of Wales'. He married Diana Spencer in 1981. 15 years later they got divorced. Diana died in a car crash in 1997.
- These are William and Kate. People call them 'Their Royal Highnesses (Königliche Hoheiten) the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge'. British people love this couple (Paar). They have three children two sons and a daughter.
- King George IV ("the fourth") lived from 1762 until 1830. He is much too old to be Queen Elizabeth's father.
- 5 It was a shock for Great Britain to hear the news on 31st August 1997 Princess Diana had died in a car crash. She left her two sons without a mother. Prince Charles married again in 2005.
- Queen Elizabeth loves Corgis. She used to breed (züchten) them herself for a very long time. Another special event (Veranstaltung) which is important for the Royal Family is a famous race (Rennen) that has to do with animals.
- 7 This is Windsor Castle. Many people think that Buckingham Palace is the home of Queen Elizabeth, but it's not. As you can tell from the name, Windsor Castle is in the town of Windsor. It is close to (*in der Nähe von*) London. Now you have learned a lot about the Royal Family.
- 8 This is a fox. We do not know if Queen Elizabeth likes foxes. Read the last number again.
- 9 Prince Charles married his long-time girlfriend Camilla Parker Bowles in April 2005. She became Duchess (*Herzogin*) of Cornwall. But when Charles dies, she won't become queen. Charles' eldest son, William Arthur Philip Louis, will be heir to the throne (*Thronfolger*).
- 10 This is a plane crash. Diana died in a car crash.



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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a parliamentary monarchy. That means that although they have a Queen, the elected Prime Minister (*gewählter Premierminister*) is the political head (*Oberhaupt*) of the country. Nevertheless (*trotzdem*) the Royals are very important for Great Britain.

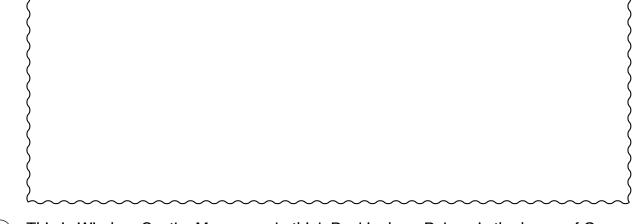
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Queen Elizabeth II, 'Her Majesty the Queen', was born in 1926 as Princess Elizabeth. She was the first daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. She is the current (*derzeitig*) head of the monarchy, a job her father held before her.



- Born in 1948, Prince Charles is the eldest of the Queen's four children. Prince Charles has the title 'Prince of Wales'. He is waiting for the time when he finally becomes king. Princess Diana was his first wife. One year after their divorce, she died in a car crash.
- This couple (*Paar*) are William and Kate. People address them as 'Their Royal Highnesses (*Königliche Hoheiten*) the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge'. British people love these two and follow their every step. They have three children two sons and a daughter.
- 4 King George IV lived from 1762 until 1830. He is much too old to be Queen Elizabeth's father.
- It was a shock for the British when the news on 31st August 1997 informed them about a car crash in Paris in which Princess Diana had died. Great Britain mourned (*trauern*) for a long time. Princess Diana left her two sons without a mother. Prince Charles married again in 2005.
- It is well-known (bekannt) that Queen Elizabeth has a favourite breed among dogs (Hunderasse): the Corgis. This is a medium-sized breed with big, upright (aufrecht) ears. The Queen used to breed Corgis herself for a very long time. Another special event (Veranstaltung) which is important for the Royal Family is a famous race (Rennen) that has to do with animals.

Draw a Corgi for the Queen.



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