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## Level 5

### UK Queen celebrates 70th wedding anniversary

22nd November, 2017

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# THE READING

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The UK's Queen Elizabeth celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary on Monday with her husband Prince Philip. She was 21 when she walked down the aisle on November 20, 1947. She is the first British monarch to celebrate a platinum wedding anniversary. She is also the UK's longest reigning monarch. The couple spent the day at a small private party at their home - Windsor Castle. They marked the occasion with a set of official portraits. Britain's post office also celebrated the anniversary with a set of commemorative postage stamps.

The royal couple met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave up his title to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Before his wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely" with her daughter. He said: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen down." The Queen has always relied on her husband. She described him as her "rock". A former BBC journalist explained that humor helped their marriage. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going...is the fact they can share a joke together."

Sources: <http://metro.co.uk/2017/11/20/happy-anniversary-your-majesty-queen-releases-official-portraits-to-mark-70th-7092189/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. The UK's Queen Elizabeth              | a. the anniversary       |
| 2. she walked down                       | b. to celebrate          |
| 3. the first British monarch             | c. party                 |
| 4. the UK's longest reigning             | d. stamps                |
| 5. a small private                       | e. the aisle             |
| 6. a set                                 | f. celebrated            |
| 7. Britain's post office also celebrated | g. of official portraits |
| 8. a set of commemorative postage        | h. monarch               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the son of a Greek       | a. marriage        |
| 2. He gave up his title     | b. prince          |
| 3. he had fallen in         | c. joke together   |
| 4. never to let             | d. to marry        |
| 5. She described him as her | e. the Queen down  |
| 6. humor helped their       | f. them going      |
| 7. what has kept            | g. love completely |
| 8. they can share a         | h. "rock"          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK's Queen Elizabeth (1) \_\_\_\_\_ wedding anniversary on Monday with her husband Prince Philip. She was 21 when she walked down (2) \_\_\_\_\_ November 20, 1947. She is the first British (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a platinum wedding anniversary. She is also the UK's longest reigning monarch. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ day at a small private party at their home - Windsor Castle. They marked the occasion with a set (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Britain's post office also celebrated the anniversary (6) \_\_\_\_\_ commemorative postage stamps.

The royal couple (7) \_\_\_\_\_ during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Before his wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen (9) \_\_\_\_\_" with her daughter. He said: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen down." The Queen has (10) \_\_\_\_\_ her husband. She described him as her "rock". A former BBC journalist explained (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their marriage. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going...is the fact they can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ together."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wedding anniversaries in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

