

## U.K. Queen celebrates platinum jubilee

6th February, 2022



The UK's Queen Elizabeth II marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday by holding a reception for members of her local village. The Queen, 95, ascended to the British throne on February the 6th 1952 following the death of her father King George

VI. The Queen will mark her 70-year anniversary as the UK monarch at her country estate. One attendee at Saturday's reception said the Queen was in "sparkling" form. She added: "Seventy years on the throne shows the Queen has been a moving example to absolutely everyone in all walks of life. She has been constant, compassionate and stoic - everything that makes a perfect human being. She has great strength of character and has overcome so many things."

The Queen was on safari in Kenya 70 years ago when she received news of the death of her father. The then 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth was immediately elevated to being the sovereign. She is Britain's longest serving monarch. The previous record-holder, Queen Victoria, was Queen for 63 years. She died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth has been an ever-present part of UK life for almost a century. She has seen 14 Prime Ministers and 14 US presidents come and go. She has also owned more than 30 corgis (her favourite dog) during her reign. Fox News wrote that the Queen has had, "an unprecedented reign that has made her a symbol of stability as the United Kingdom navigated an age of uncertainty".

Sources: [royal.uk](http://royal.uk) / [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) / [dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk)

### Writing

Every country needs a monarchy. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Queen / platinum / jubilee / local / village / anniversary / compassionate / stoic / safari / news / sovereign / monarch / record / century / presidents / corgi / stability

### True / False

- 1) The UK Queen held a reception for soldiers and sailors. T / F
- 2) The Queen's father was King George VI. T / F
- 3) A reception attendee said the Queen's jewellery was sparkling. T / F
- 4) The reception attendee said the Queen has stoicism and compassion. T / F
- 5) The Queen was on safari when she heard the news she would be Queen. T / F
- 6) The second-longest serving British monarch reigned for 63 years. T / F
- 7) There have been 14 US presidents while the Queen has been Queen. T / F
- 8) Fox News said the Queen has reigned throughout an age of certainty. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>marked</b>        | a. without equal |
| 2. <b>reception</b>     | b. uncomplaining |
| 3. <b>monarch</b>       | c. rule          |
| 4. <b>sparkling</b>     | d. sovereign     |
| 5. <b>stoic</b>         | e. passing       |
| 6. <b>death</b>         | f. party         |
| 7. <b>erving</b>        | g. era           |
| 8. <b>reign</b>         | h. glittering    |
| 9. <b>unprecedented</b> | i. working       |
| 10. <b>age</b>          | j. celebrated    |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'platinum'?
- c) What do you know about the UK's Queen?
- d) What do you think of the Queen working at the age of 95?
- e) What do you think of the Queen ruling for 70 years?
- f) When was the last time you were in 'sparkling' form?
- g) How important is it to be compassionate and stoic?
- h) Do you have great strength of character?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. marked her platinum jubilee on Saturday | a. the UK monarch         |
| 2. ascended to the                         | b. reign                  |
| 3. mark her 70-year anniversary as         | c. many things            |
| 4. absolutely everyone in all              | d. serving monarch        |
| 5. overcome so                             | e. British throne         |
| 6. The Queen was on                        | f. uncertainty            |
| 7. She is Britain's longest                | g. walks of life          |
| 8. an ever-present part                    | h. by holding a reception |
| 9. the Queen has had an unprecedented      | i. of UK life             |
| 10. an age of                              | j. safari in Kenya        |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of the idea of kings and queens?
- Why do some countries have a monarchy?
- Would you like to be a royal?
- What do you know about the Queen's family?
- What's your favourite dog?
- What uncertainty has there been during the Queen's reign?
- What questions would you like to ask the Queen?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. i	8. c	9. a	10. g

## Role Play

### Role A – Jewellery

You think jewellery is the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): servants, food or palaces.

### Role B – Servants

You think servants are the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): jewellery, food or palaces.

### Role C – Food

You think food is the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): servants, jewellery or palaces.

### Role D – Palaces

You think palaces are the best thing about being a royal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): servants, food or jewellery.

## Speaking – Royalty

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about royalty at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Cars     | • Jewellery |
| • Food     | • Palaces   |
| • Holidays | • Servants  |
| • Parties  | • Service   |

### Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 F	4 T	5 T	6 T	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.