



# Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

Resource



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

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👑 Elizabeth was born in London on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1926 and as a young girl, a lot of her childhood was spent during WW2. In 1940, she gave her first speech on the radio at the age of just 14, sending her best wishes to children who had been evacuated to keep them safe from the war.

👑 Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1953, in Westminster Abbey, at the age of 25. During her reign, she has seen huge changes in Britain, from wars and pandemics to overseeing 15 different prime ministers!

👑 Queen Elizabeth II ruled Britain for longer than any other King or Queen in history, spending over 70 years on the throne.

👑 It's thought by many, Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered as a Queen who spent her life keeping the promise she made when she was first crowned - to serve her people and her country.

**I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.**

**Queen Elizabeth II**, April, 1947 on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (5 years before becoming Queen).



**Pictured above:** Four photos of Queen Elizabeth II, from childhood, to her coronation and celebrating 70 years as Queen