

### Today we will be: Exploring the life of Queen Elizabeth II.







Which famous queens have we already looked at?



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That's right! Their names were Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.

When Queen Victoria died the new monarchs were all kings. There were three kings. A new queen was then crowned.

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Do you know who it was? **HINT** She is still alive today.

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### It was Queen Elizabeth II. She is still our queen today!



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What do you know about Queen Elizabeth II?

Elizabeth II became queen when her father King George VI died. She became queen in 1952 and was only 25 years old.

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She was already married to Prince Philip when she became queen.

Elizabeth II and Prince Philip have four children. Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. Here is Prince Charles and Princess Anne when they were children. Back



Do you recognise any of these people? They are the royal family. Elizabeth II's children and grandchildren are in this picture.

### Elizabeth II uses Buckingham Palace to meet important people from around the world and to make decisions for England.



Elizabeth II spends most of her weekends at Windsor Castle.

## Elizabeth II visits the Commonwealth countries regularly. These countries were once known as the **British Empire**.



When she visits these countries, a big parade is held to welcome her.



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### Can you remember what a jubilee is?

# A jubilee is a special anniversary of an event.

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Elizabeth II celebrated her silver, golden and diamond jubilees. Let's have a look a the celebrations.

Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee was in 1977. This marked 25 years as queen.

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Elizabeth II visited many countries around the world to celebrate this. Many people had street parties to celebrate.

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Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee was in 2002. This marked 50 years as queen.

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Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee was in 2012. This marked 60 years as queen.

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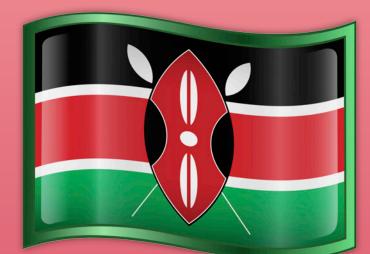
The streets of London were decorated. The Queen visited towns across the United Kingdom and there was a huge parade.



Did you know Australia, Kenya and **India** are part of the Commonwealth? How do you think they celebrated the Queen's jubilees?

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