



British Queen Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

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MONARCH: What's it like being

- Freedom
- Work
- Food
- Friends
- Parties
- Travel





Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- **a** The queen of England is celebrating her 60th birthday. **X/F**
- **b** Elizabeth became queen when she was 25 years old. **T/X**
- **c** She spent the day with her family at a big party in her palace. **X/F**
- **d** British people will celebrate the diamond jubilee next month. **X/F**

- **e** There have been 12 U.S. Presidents during the Queen's reign. **T/X**
- **f** She has owned 26 corgis (her favourite breed of dog). **T/X**
- **g** She announced she will retire as queen at the end of 2012. **X/F**
- **h** Her popularity went down in the weeks after Princess Diana's death. **T/X**



Match the following synonyms from the article.

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1. monarch
2. ascended
3. duties
4. launched
5. scheduled
6. approximately
7. citizens
8. advances
9. despite
10. downturn
- a. work
- b. progress
- c. started
- d. rose
- e. about
- f. king or queen
- g. decline
- h. people
- i. planned
- j. in spite of

PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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1. Queen Elizabeth II celebrated 60 years **a.** on official duties
2. She ascended **b.** 3.5 million letters
3. spent the day **c.** as a monarch
4. the celebrations to mark **d.** to take place
5. celebrations are scheduled **e.** reign
6. Her Royal Highness' **f.** have been made
7. he has answered approximately **g.** to the throne
8. a time **h.** her popularity
9. great advances that **i.** her diamond jubilee
10. a downturn in **j.** to give



GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II celebrated 60 years as a (1) monarch on February 6th. She ascended to the (2) throne of the United Kingdom in 1953, when she was a 25-year-old princess. The 85-year-old queen (3) spent the day on official duties. She toured the town of King's Lynn in the east of England. The (4) local mayor opened the celebrations to mark her diamond jubilee. Queen Elizabeth herself (5) launched a new website that shows how much the world has changed during her six-decade (6) reign. Bigger celebrations are scheduled to take (7) place in the U.K. in the summer. There will be a 1,000-ship (8) pageant on the River Thames and a concert at Buckingham Palace.

During Her Royal Highness' reign, there have been 12 British prime ministers, 12 American presidents and six (9) popes. She has also owned 60 corgis (her favourite dog). The diamond jubilee website says she has (10) answered approximately 3.5 million letters. The queen (11) promised her citizens that she would "(12) dedicate myself anew to your service". She also said: "I hope also that this Jubilee year will be a time to give thanks for the great (13) advances that have been made since 1952 and to look forward to the future with (14) clear head and warm heart." The queen is still very popular with British people, (15) despite a downturn in her (16) popularity after the death of Princess.

Queen began Diamond Jubilee celebrations in King's Lynn, Norfolk, where she spent time at a primary school



Around 150 well wishers gathered in King's Lynn to wave flags and welcome the Monarch

Pupils at Dersingham Infant and Nursery School treat Queen to rendition of The Time Warn



Parade: Hundreds turned out along St John's Wood High Street in London today to watch soldiers from the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery leave their nearby barracks for the last time before heading to Hyde Park for a 41-gun Royal Salute



Boom:



Soldiers from the Honourable Artillery Company fire blank rounds during the 62-gun Royal Salute at the Tower of London in front of Tower Bridge



Celebrate:



The public were treated to a lavish firework display in Greenwich, London, to mark the eve of Royal celebrations.

STAMPS TO MARK THE OCCASION



The Royal Mail has also marked the Diamond Jubilee by updating the design of the 1st class stamp.

Its traditional gold background has been replaced with a blue colour scheme and the words 'Diamond Jubilee' highlighted in iridescent ink.

Queen Elizabeth herself launched a new website

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the official website of the British Monarchy. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.royal.gov.uk/>. The website's header features the Royal Coat of Arms and the text "The official website of The British Monarchy". Below the header is a navigation bar with a dropdown menu for "Choose your Commonwealth Realm", a search bar, and links for "What is a Realm", "A-Z index", "Site map", "Contact Us", "Links", and "FAQs".

The main content area is a dark blue banner with a central image of Queen Elizabeth II in a light blue outfit and hat, speaking at a podium during the Armed Forces Muster. To the left of the image, the text reads "The Queen's speech at the Armed Forces Muster" and "Her Majesty talks about the pride of the selfless service and sacrifices made by servicemen and women and their families in recent years". A button labeled "Read full Article" is positioned below the text. To the right of the image, a list of links includes "Official Diamond Jubilee website", "Queen Victoria's Journals", "Latest Royal images", "The Queen's speech at the Armed Forces Muster", and "Garden Parties".

At the bottom of the page, there is a social media section with a Twitter link and a Facebook link. The Twitter link includes the text "About one hour ago : On 30 May: The Duke of Edinburgh - Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, will hold a... <http://t.co/Su87fdbv>". The Facebook link is labeled "facebook".

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the "Интернет" (Internet) icon and a 100% zoom level.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee: British pop stars to perform at tribute concert



Diamond Jubilee Medal



A new commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

KINGS AND QUEENS DISCUSSION

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'queen'?
- c) What do you know about Britain's Queen Elizabeth II?
- d) What would you like to know about Britain's Queen Elizabeth II?
- e) Do you think having a monarchy is good for a country?

KINGS AND QUEENS DISCUSSION

- f)** What do you think of the Queen's diamond jubilee?
- g)** Would you like a diamond jubilee?
How would you celebrate?
- h)** How has the world changed in the past six decades?
- i)** What do you think the queen does every day?
- j)** Would you like to be a monarch?

KINGS AND QUEENS DISCUSSION

- k)** Did you like reading this article?
- l)** Is it better for a country to have a monarchy or not have one?
- m)** Is it better for a country to have a king or a queen?
- n)** What do you think of the Queen's length of service to her country?
- o)** Do you think the Queen has had a great life?

KINGS AND QUEENS DISCUSSION

- p)** What advice do you have for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II?
- q)** What kind of letters do you think the Queen gets?
- r)** Do you "look forward to the future with clear head and warm heart"?
- s)** Who do you prefer, the Queen or Princess Diana?
- t)** What questions would you like to ask Britain's Queen Elizabeth II?

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