

The Royal Family.





At present the British royal family is headed by Queen Elizabeth II.



When the Queen was born on the 21st of April 1926, her grandfather, King George V, was on the throne and her uncle was his heir.



The death of her grandfather and the abdication of her uncle brought her father to the throne as King George VI.

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Princess Elizabeth, in this charming photograph above, has just finished the day of holding highland. It is seven months since her return with her parents, the Duke and Duchess of York, on their return from Russia. Describing her on this happy occasion, Lady Cynthia Asquith wrote in her weekly published book, "The Duchess of York" (issued in our last number): "Princess Elizabeth . . . knows how to smile sweetly

and shrewdly. Perhaps she has inherited her mother's distinctive manner? Or perhaps she is blessed with the beauty of being blessed as well as of blessing? Certainly she is endowed with an excellent natural beauty. And her smile gives her remarkable. This golden-crested 'little friend of all the world,' who has a reputation of surpassing loveliness and a brilliant blue gaze, has captured London." She was born, it may be recalled, on April 21, 1926.

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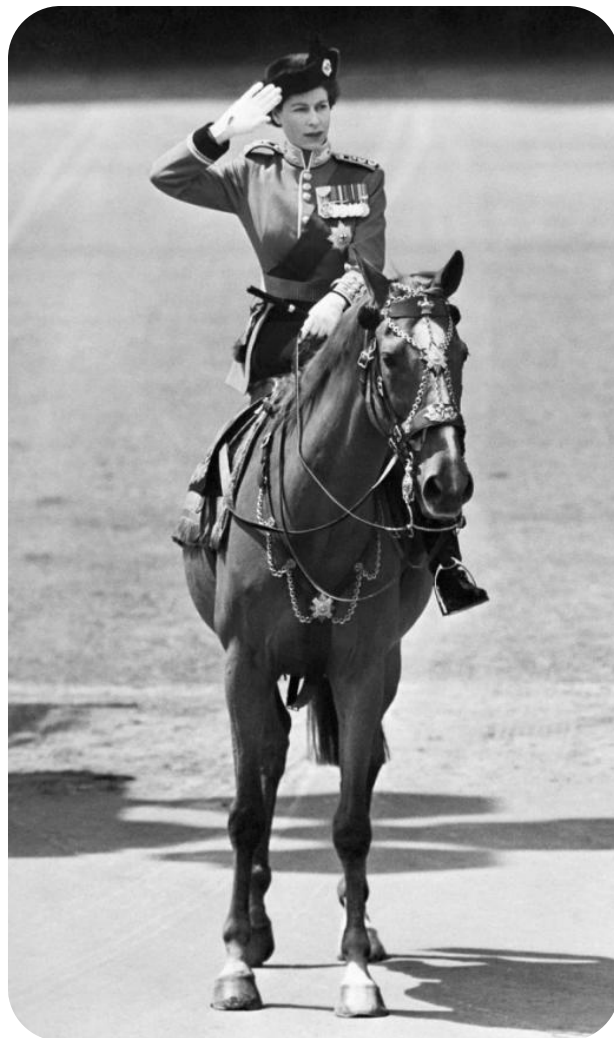
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As a child she studied constitutional history and law as well as art and music.



In addition she learned to ride and acquired her enthusiasm for horses.



As she grew older she began to take part in public life, making her first broadcast at the age of 14.



The marriage of the young Princess Elizabeth to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh took place in November 1947.



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Among Queen Elizabeth's many duties are the regular visits she makes to foreign countries, and especially those of the Commonwealth, whose interests and welfare are very important to her.



The Queen has allowed the BBC to make a documentary film about the every day of the royal family.



She also started the tradition of the "walkabout", an informal feature of an otherwise formal royal visit, when she walks among the public crowds and stops to talk to some people..



The annual Christmas broadcast made by the Queen on radio and television has become a traditional and popular feature of the season, and there were widespread celebrations and special programmes of events in 1977 to mark her Silver Jubilee.



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