

# Britain's Longest-reigning Monarch

## 1 Read the text. Underline key events in Queen's life.

Elizabeth was born on 21st April 1926 as Princess Elizabeth. She was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York. Her father later became King George VI after his brother left the throne. Elizabeth didn't attend school as she was taught at home.

Princess Elizabeth married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, on 20th November 1947 in Westminster Abbey.

In 1952, when she was 25, Princess Elizabeth's father King George VI died. She became Queen on 6th February 1952 and was crowned on 2nd June 1953.

Queen Elizabeth II and Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, had four children: Prince Charles (1948), Princess Anne (1950), Prince Andrew (1960) and Prince Edward (1964).

Despite the fact that she didn't have any political power, The Queen was very popular among the people and was famous around the world. A picture of The Queen is always seen on British money, such as coins and notes. Her face can also be seen on many different stamps.

On 6th February 2022 Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people.

Her reign spanned from the post-World War II era to modern-day Britain. Over the years, many presidents and fellow monarchs had come and gone, but Her Majesty remained.

Queen Elizabeth II died peacefully on 8 September 2022 at Scottish residence of Balmoral Castle. Her oldest son, Prince Charles, now becomes the King of Britain.

**2 Read the text again. Draw a mind map and complete it with the most important information. Then prepare a short talk on the life of Queen Elizabeth II.**



