

Queen Elizabeth II

Full Name: Elizabeth Alexandra
Mary Windsor

Date of Birth: 21st April 1926

Title: Her Majesty the Queen
or Queen Elizabeth II

Home: Buckingham
Palace, London



Family

The Queen is married to Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Two of their most well-known grandchildren are Prince William and Prince Harry. They also have eight great-grandchildren!

Her Majesty's Duties

Princess Elizabeth was crowned Queen on 2nd June 1953 so she has now been Queen for over 60 years!

The Queen has many duties. She is head of the Church of England, the Commonwealth and the Armed Forces. She also works with more than 600 charities!



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Fun Facts

When she was little, the Queen's nickname was Lilibet because her little sister could not say Elizabeth!

Her favourite dog is a corgi. She has had more than 30 corgis during her time as Queen!



The Queen has two birthdays because there might not be good weather for her real one! She has a second birthday in June.

Did You Know...?

- Queen Elizabeth II has ruled longer than any other monarch in British history – even longer than Queen Victoria!
- During the Second World War, she was a truck driver and a mechanic!
- She is the only person who can declare and end war with other countries.



Glossary

Armed forces - *the fighting groups of a country – the army, navy, air force and marines.*

charities - *a group that helps people in need.*

Commonwealth – *a group of 53 countries from around the world that were once part of the British Empire.*

declare – *to announce in a formal way, to say firmly.*

duties – *something a person should do because it is right or fair , responsibilities.*

mechanic – *a worker who is skilled in making tools, machines and motors.*

monarch – *a ruler such as a king, queen or emperor.*

nickname – *a short form of a name.*