

# Queen Elizabeth II

**Date of birth:** 21st April 1926.

**Date of coronation:** 2nd June 1953.

## What role does Queen Elizabeth have?

Queen Elizabeth II is significant because she has many roles. She is Head of the Church of England and appoints Bishops and Archbishops on the advice of the Prime Minister. She is Head of the Armed Forces and is the only person who can declare and end war with other countries. She is also Head of State and has to travel abroad on official State visits, she meets with other Heads of States around the world and lays down the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. She is Head of the Commonwealth, she has visited Commonwealth countries on more than 200 trips. She often opens or closes the Commonwealth Games. She also sends telegrams to congratulate people who reach the age of 100.



### Fun Facts

- The Queen has a special song about her called 'The National Anthem'.
- The Queen has two birthdays: when she was really born and the second Saturday of June to celebrate Her Majesty becoming Queen.
- Corgis are her favourite dogs. She has owned more than 30 corgis during her reign as Queen.
- She has 'sat' for her portrait to be painted over 130 times!
- She has nine thrones; six at Buckingham Palace!

## The Royal Family

- Queen Elizabeth II and Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, have four children: Charles, Prince of Wales; Anne, Princess Royal; Andrew, Duke of York; and Edward, Earl of Wessex.
- They have eight grandchildren, including Prince William and Prince Harry.
- They also have eight great-grandchildren, including Princess Charlotte and Prince George.

## Record Breaking

- Queen Elizabeth II has celebrated her Golden and Diamond Jubilees.
- Her Majesty has served for 64 years so far and is the longest-reigning monarch!
- Queen Elizabeth II is the first Queen to become 90 years old.
- She is the only female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces.
- In 1954, she became the first serving monarch to circumnavigate the globe on a six month round-the-world tour with her husband.

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## Answers

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She has the roles of Head of the Church of England; Head of the Armed Forces; Head of State and Head of the Commonwealth.

2. What special duty does Her Majesty undertake as part of the Commonwealth Games?

She often opens or closes the Commonwealth Games.

3. What does serving for 64 years mean for the Queen?

It means Queen Elizabeth is the longest-reigning monarch, she has been Queen the longest.

4. With who did Queen Elizabeth have children with and how many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren did they have? Name two of their grandchildren.

Queen Elizabeth II and Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, have four children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Two of their grandchildren are Prince William and Prince Harry.

5. Who is the Duke of York?

Andrew, Duke of York is one of Queen Elizabeth II and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh's children.

6. Why does the Queen have two birthdays?

One to celebrate when she was really born and the second Saturday of June to celebrate Her Majesty becoming Queen.

7. What was the Queen first to do?

The Queen was first to become 90 years old, first, and so far the only, female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces and the first serving monarch to circumnavigate the globe on a six month round-the-world tour with her husband.

8. What are the Queen's favourite animal? How many has the Queen had as pets during her reign?

Corgis are her favourite dogs. She has owned more than 30 corgis during her reign as Queen.

9. What do people who reach the age of 100 receive from the Queen that is very special?

People who reach the age of 100 receive telegrams to congratulate them from the Queen.

10. What special duty can only the Queen carry out by being Head of the Armed Forces?

Queen Elizabeth II is the only person who can declare and end war with other countries.