



THE
ROYAL HOUSE
— *of* —
WINDSOR

Modern Day Dynasties

The House of Windsor



Listening

1. What has the House of Windsor had to acknowledge in order to survive?

2. Which monarch first used the name Windsor?

3. Where did this new family name come from?

4. Which prince was known as a playboy and how did he earn this reputation?

5. Why did King Edward VIII abdicate?

6. Why were many British people disappointed with the decision?



Royal verbs

Put the correct verbs in the right form into the sentences below.

abdicate

accede

crown

reign

rule

succeed

1. When a king or queen decides that they don't want to be the monarch anymore, they _____ .
2. Queen Victoria _____ for over 63 years. Only Queen Elizabeth II has been a monarch longer.
3. The young prince will soon _____ to the throne. Many think he is not old enough to be king.
4. The country was _____ by a very unpopular king. The people wanted to get rid of him.
5. The king was _____ by his brother when he died, as he had no heir.
6. They will _____ her queen as soon as possible. The coronation will be at the cathedral.

Royal idioms

1. All our guests get the royal treatment. You will have access to the 24hr pool, sauna and spa.
2. Pierre was the king of the castle. He had managed to beat everyone in the competition.
3. He often dreams that he will live like a king one day. He wants his own private jet.
4. His wife is really the power behind the throne. She makes all the decisions.
5. The house was fit for a king. It had three bathrooms and five bedrooms.
6. The lakes are the area's crown jewels. They attract thousands of visitors.

A couple is shown from behind, standing close together. The man on the left is wearing a dark, textured hoodie with a gold crown icon above the word 'King' in a gold, cursive font. The woman on the right is wearing a white, fluffy hoodie with a gold crown icon above the word 'Queen' in a gold, cursive font. The background is a bright, overexposed white.

Discuss

1. Are you the king of the castle in any field?
2. Have you ever received the royal treatment in any hotel/restaurant?
3. Who is the power behind the throne in Poland?
4. What are Tricity's crown jewels?
5. Do you know anyone who lives like a king?

Maghan & Harry



News report 1 - Listening for detail

Read the sentences below from the report, which include vocabulary from the last exercise in bold. Can you predict/recall the missing words that complete the sentences?

Now listen again and complete the gaps in these sentences with the missing words.

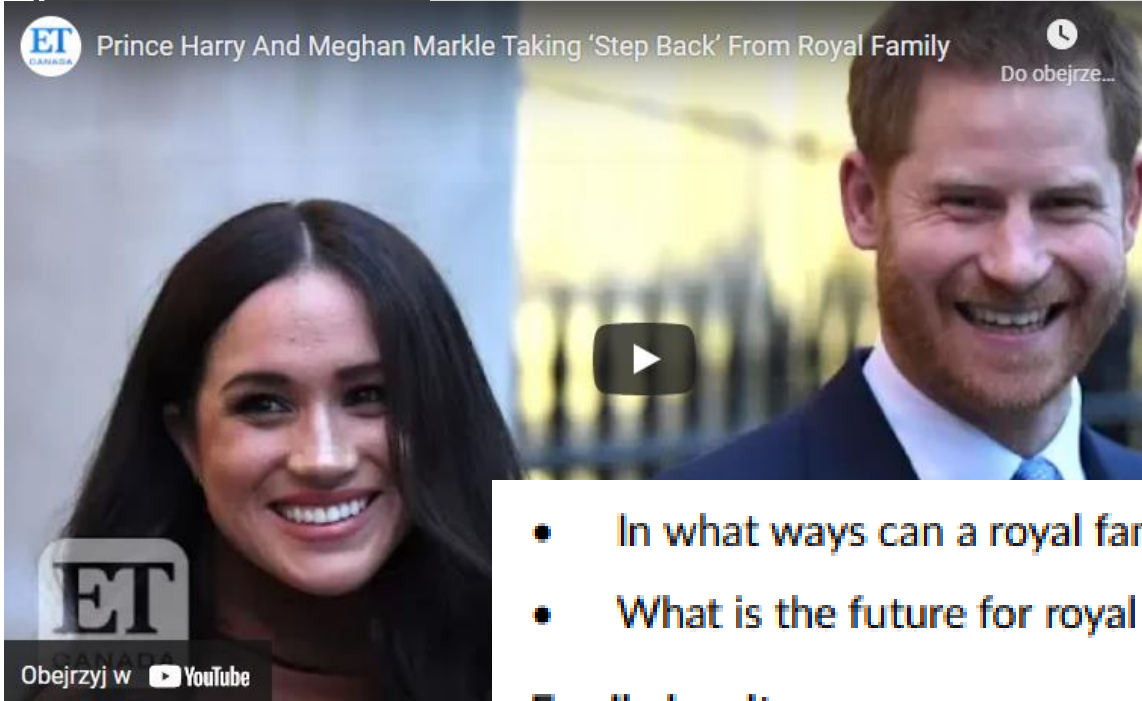
1. Prince Harry: "I lost my _____ and now I watch my _____ **falling victim** to the same powerful forces."
2. By stepping _____ from royal duties, **the spotlight** will potentially be _____ **intense**.
3. It's still unclear if they'll now give up their royal titles, and the BBC is reporting the two didn't consult any other _____ of the royal family before today's **press release**.
4. A **spokesperson** _____ the Queen writes, "Discussions with the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are at an early stage. We understand the **desire** to take a _____ approach, but these are complicated issues that will take time to work through."
5. Prince Charles ... has always wanted a _____ senior royal household, resulting in less cost to British taxpayers and less of an **environmental footprint** ...

News report 2 - Listening for detail

On the next page, read the sentences from the report, which include vocabulary from the last exercise in bold. Can you predict/recall the missing words that complete the sentences? Now listen again and complete the gaps in these sentences with the missing words.

1. The Queen ... recognises, quote "...the challenges they have experienced as a result of _____ **scrutiny** over the last two years..."
2. the Duke and Duchess of Sussex ... will also no longer _____ **public funds** and _____ **now earn a living**...
3. ... but, quote, "everything they do will _____ to **uphold the values** of Her Majesty."
4. The Queen is ... saying they can't trade on their royal titles ... um ... she's making it very _____ they cannot in any way **tarnish the brand of monarchy**.
5. Palace sources (are) also _____ this evening that Harry and Meghan now plan to spend the _____ of their time in North America but will keep Frogmore Cottage as their **UK residence**.
6. Harry is 6th in line to **the throne**, he will remain a _____ and he is still a part of the royal family.

Discuss



- In what ways can a royal family make a contribution to society?
- What is the future for royal families?

Family loyalty

- This story raises issues of family loyalty and independence. In your opinion, are Harry and Meghan doing the right thing by separating from the royal family?
- Is it possible to "quit" a family?
- Have you/Has someone you know ever faced a similar decision?