

Before watching

1 How much do you know about the Royal Family? Check your knowledge with the following quiz.

1. Where is Prince Harry in line for the throne?
 - a. first
 - b. second
 - c. third
2. How many children does the Queen have?
 - a. three
 - b. four
 - c. five
3. What are the Duke and Duchess of York's children called?
 - a. Beatrix and Anne
 - b. Beatrix and Elizabeth
 - c. Beatrice and Eugenie
4. What's the Royal title of Prince Edward's wife, Sophie?
 - a. the Duchess of York
 - b. the Countess of Kent
 - c. the Countess of Wessex
5. How is Zara Philips related to Princes William and Harry?
 - a. She's their aunt.
 - b. She's their cousin.
 - c. She's their grandmother.
6. Which of these is not a Royal household?
 - a. Sandringham
 - b. Windsor Castle
 - c. Blenheim Palace
7. What secondary school did the Royal Princes go to?
 - a. Eton
 - b. Harrow
 - c. Manchester Grammar
8. What are the Queen's favourite animals?
 - a. cats and dogs
 - b. rabbits and dogs
 - c. horses and dogs

2 Match the English term with its Italian equivalent.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> fur | a. lutto |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> crowd | b. parata |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> parade | c. folla |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> sovereign | d. cavalleria |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> saddle | e. sella |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> cheer | f. sovrano |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> mourning | g. pelo |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> cavalry | h. applaudire/incoraggiare |

While watching

3 Put the following items in the order they're mentioned in the video.

- a. ☐ Edward VII
- b. ☐ the bearskin hat
- c. ☐ Buckingham Palace
- d. ☐ Duke of Edinburgh
- e. ☐ Horse Guards Parade
- f. ☐ the RAF fly-past
- g. ☐ the Royals on the balcony

4 Watch the video and decide if these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. ☐ The Queen's birthday parade ceremony was introduced in 1920.
2. ☐ They do not hold the ceremony if a member of the Royal Family has recently died.
3. ☐ The ceremony has always been in June.
4. ☐ There are 400 military bands on parade.
5. ☐ The parade starts and finishes at Buckingham Palace.
6. ☐ There are 200 soldiers on parade.
7. ☐ The Queen attended the parade on a horse in the past.
8. ☐ The original object of the parade was to pay tribute to the Sovereign.
9. ☐ The Queen has a single regiment of bodyguards.
10. ☐ The bearskin is now made of artificial hair.
11. ☐ The Trouping of the Colour is free to the public.
12. ☐ The "Civil List" is just under £8m.
13. ☐ The Queen's got four grandchildren.
14. ☐ The RAF organises a fly-past with 40 planes.

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5 First try to answer these questions by yourself – then click on the link to check your answers.

1. What is the surname of the Royal Family?
2. Can the King or Queen abdicate?
3. Have there ever been monarchs who abdicated?
4. Can a member of the Royal Family do as he or she pleases?
5. When a man marries a princess or a queen, does he take his wife's rank?
6. Why does the Queen celebrate her birthday twice a year?
7. What is the address of HM The Queen?
8. Does Prince William of Wales have an e-mail address?
9. Is a new king free to choose a new name, or does Charles have to reign as "Charles III"?
10. What is the title of a Queen's husband?

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6 Use these elements to write a short description of the British Royal Family.

- Queen Elizabeth II / daughter of George VI / married Prince Philip
- Queen since 1952
- Four children
- Prince Charles / heir to the throne, followed by Princes William and Harry
- Queen – two birthdays: official one on first or second Saturday in June, real one on 21 April.
- Four official royal residences: St. James' Palace, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Holyrood House
- Monarchy generally popular but some people contrary

7 For extra vocabulary practice on the Monarchy go to www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/newsextra/2010/03/100311_monarchy.shtml.