

# Disclaimer

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## The Queen 1926-2022



### The Queen died yesterday afternoon at Balmoral Castle.

She was Britain and the Commonwealth's longest-serving monarch. She **reigned** for 70 years.

She was born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926 and while growing up she did not expect to become queen. It was only when her uncle, King Edward VIII, **abdicated** that her father, King George VI, became ruler.

When he passed away in 1952, Elizabeth then became the ruling monarch.

The following year, at the age of 27, she was crowned Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey.

During her lifetime, she witnessed many events that changed the world. The Second World War, the Moon landings, the end of the British Empire, the birth of the Internet and the coronavirus pandemic to name but a few.

Prime Minister Liz Truss said: "Through thick and thin, Queen Elizabeth II provided us with the stability and the strength that we needed."

Queen Elizabeth II prided herself on

servicing her people. Even as a young princess, she said in a speech: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be **devoted** to your service."

World leaders have been paying tribute to The Queen. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said: "I will never forget her warmth and kindness."

US President Joe Biden said: "In a world of constant change, she was a steadying presence and a source of comfort and pride".

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that in their chats she was "thoughtful, wise, curious, helpful, funny and so much more." He added: "She was one of my favourite people in the world, and I will miss her so."

The Queen's eldest child, Charles, will now become king.

### Glossary

**reigned** Ruled the country.

**abdicated** Gave up being king or queen.

**devoted** Give all your energy to something.

# Questions

1. Tick to show whether the statement is true or false according to the article.

	True	False
Queen Elizabeth II was Britain and the Commonwealth's longest-serving monarch.		
Queen Elizabeth II was born in 1952.		
Queen Elizabeth II's father was King Edward VIII.		
Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in Westminster Abbey.		

2. Which of the following alternate headlines **does not** summarise the article? (**tick one**)

Queen Elizabeth II Remembered

Queen Elizabeth II Passes Away

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II Dies

The Queen is UK's Longest Reigning Monarch

3. How old was Queen Elizabeth II when she was crowned?

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4. Find and copy two of the important events listed in the article that Queen Elizabeth II lived through.

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