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King Charles III: God Save The King

Queen Elizabeth II's eldest son, Charles, has now become The King. He will be known as King Charles III.

Upon the death of Queen Elizabeth II, Prince William is heir to the throne. He takes his father's titles of Duke of Cornwall and Prince of Wales.

Following the announcement of The Queen's death, Union Jack flags at Buckingham Palace, Balmoral and Windsor Castle were flown at half-mast.

Countries around the world followed suit, lowering their own flags as a sign of respect to Her Majesty.

The King said in a written statement that: 'During this period of **mourning** and change, my family and I will be comforted and **sustained** by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the Queen was so widely held.'

On Friday, King Charles III travelled from Balmoral in Scotland to London. He was joined by his wife Camilla, who is now the Queen Consort.

At noon, the bells tolled at Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and Windsor Castle. Later that day, Royal gun salutes took place around the country. 96 rounds were fired, one for each year of the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

In his first address as monarch to the nation on Friday evening, The King said: "whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall **endeavour** to serve you with loyalty, respect and love".

The Accession Council met at St James's Palace on Saturday. For the first time in history, the meeting was shown on television.

Here, King Charles III was **proclaimed** as head of state in a ceremony held in front of the Privy



Illustration: King Charles III.

Council and key members of Parliament both past and present.

As is tradition, the announcement was made on the balcony of St James's Palace that there was a new monarch. It included the call of 'God save the King!'

The King and Queen Consort will now travel to all four nations of the UK.

The state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will be held on Monday 19th September at Westminster Abbey.

The King has confirmed that the day will be a bank holiday. That means that schools, colleges and many businesses will close as a mark of respect for Her Majesty.

Glossary

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| mourning | A show of sadness when someone or something dies. |
| sustained | Maintaining something for a period of time. |
| endeavour | To set out to achieve something which is new or challenging. |
| proclaimed | Sharing something in a public and official manner. |

Questions

1. Which titles of King Charles's has Prince William taken?

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

| | True | False |
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| The bells tolled at Windsor Castle. | | |
| 70 rounds were fired in the royal gun salutes for Her Majesty. | | |
| King Charles III was proclaimed as King on Saturday. | | |
| King Charles III travelled alone from Balmoral to London. | | |

3. Look at King Charles III's written statement: '**During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the Queen was so widely held.**' Which of the following words could be used as a synonym for affection?

fondness

belief

respect

honour

4. What evidence in the text is there that people around the world had great respect for Queen Elizabeth II?

5. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in. One has been done for you.

1 Queen Elizabeth II died.

King Charles III addressed the nation for the first time as King.

Royal gun salutes took place in tribute to Her Majesty.

The Accession Council met.

6. Summarise the key information in the article using 20 words or fewer.
