

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In June 2022 Queen Elizabeth II celebrates the 70th anniversary of her becoming queen. It's extra special because no other British queen or king has ever done this!

### Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

**Vocabulary**

1. .... to crown
2. .... royal
3. .... a parade
4. .... a carriage
5. .... a logo
6. .... a pudding
7. .... brand new
8. .... a slogan

**Definition**

- a. a large number of people going in the same direction, usually as part of a public celebration
- b. a design or symbol used by a company to advertise its products
- c. a short, easily remembered phrase, often used in advertising
- d. to put a crown on someone's head in a special ceremony that makes that person king or queen
- e. a sweet dish usually eaten as the final part of a meal
- f. connected to a king or queen
- g. completely new
- h. a vehicle with four wheels that is usually pulled by horses and was used mainly in the past

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### What is a 'platinum jubilee'?

A jubilee is an anniversary of an important event, such as a new queen being crowned. These special anniversaries are often named after valuable materials. For example, silver is used for a 25th anniversary, gold is for a 50th anniversary and platinum for a 70th. In 2022, Queen Elizabeth II is celebrating her platinum jubilee, which means it is 70 years since she became queen. It's the first time any British queen or king has ever had a platinum jubilee!

### How and when did Elizabeth become Queen?

Princess Elizabeth was only 25 years old when her father, King George VI, died on 6 February 1952. At the time, she was on a royal tour of Kenya with her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. She immediately returned to the UK as Queen, although she was not crowned until 2 June 1953.

### How will the jubilee be celebrated?

With parties! From 2 to 5 June there will be a four-day long weekend for people in the UK. There are lots of special events planned, including the Queen's Birthday Parade, which will take place on Thursday 2 June. Members of the Royal Family will travel in carriages, along with 1,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians. The parade will leave Buckingham Palace and go along a very famous London street called The Mall. On Saturday 4 June, there will be a live concert called The Platinum Party at the Palace, where lots of celebrities will perform. On Sunday 5 June, people across the country will hold street parties and have lunch outside with their neighbours.

### How are young people getting involved?

The official logo for the jubilee was created by a 19-year-old student! He won a design competition. The logo is a picture of a crown that is drawn by a single, continuous line, and the logo is purple, the royal colour.

Young people can also enter a fun baking competition! The Platinum Pudding competition is open to anyone living in the UK who is 8 years or older. They have to create a brand-new dessert and then send in their recipe and a photo of it. You can see some of the competition entries on Instagram, using the hashtag #platinumpudding. The winning pudding will be served at the jubilee celebrations.

Another interesting way to celebrate the event is by taking part in a project called the Queen's Green Canopy. It asks people to help create a green future by planting a tree. The slogan is 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee'. The project is working to protect 70 types of ancient trees.

Whether it's street parties, parades, puddings or planting trees, there really is something for everyone to mark the platinum jubilee of the Queen.

## Tasks

### Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
	True	False
1. A jubilee is a type of anniversary to mark an important event.	True	False
2. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrates 50 years of her reign.	True	False
3. Princess Elizabeth was 21 years old when her father died and she became Queen.	True	False
4. Queen Elizabeth II has been queen for longer than any other British king or queen.	True	False
5. In June there will be a four-day long weekend for people in the UK.	True	False
6. In the Queen's Birthday Parade, members of the Royal Family will walk along the streets.	True	False
7. There will be a live concert, where lots of famous people will perform.	True	False
8. The logo for the event was designed by one of the Queen's oldest friends.	True	False
9. Anyone over the age of 6 can take part in a baking competition by sending in a recipe and a photo.	True	False
10. People are planting trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.	True	False

### Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

brand-new	carriages	crowned	logo
neighbours	parade	royal	slogan

1. Princess Elizabeth was on a ..... tour of Kenya when her father died.
2. She was ..... queen in 1953.
3. 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' is the ..... for the Queen's Green Canopy project.
4. The ..... through the streets of London will be one of the most spectacular events of the celebrations.
5. Members of the Royal Family will travel in ..... during the parade.
6. Street parties will take place all over the country as groups of ..... have lunch together.
7. To take part in the cooking competition, you have to create a ..... pudding.
8. A 19-year-old created the ..... for the event – a white picture of a crown on a purple background.

**Discussion**

Have you celebrated any important anniversaries or events recently?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. d
2. f
3. a
4. h
5. b
6. e
7. g
8. c

### Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. False
9. False
10. True

### Task 2

1. royal
2. crowned
3. slogan
4. parade
5. carriages
6. neighbours
7. brand-new
8. logo