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Level 4

UK Queen celebrates 70th wedding anniversary

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THE READING

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Queen Elizabeth celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary on Monday with her husband Prince Philip. She was 21 when she got married on November 20, 1947. She is the first British monarch to celebrate a platinum anniversary. She is the UK's longest reigning monarch. The couple spent the day at Windsor Castle. They marked the occasion with several official portraits. Britain's post office issued a set of commemorative postage stamps.

The royal couple met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave up his title to get married. He told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely". He said: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen down." He has always been there for the Queen. She called him her "rock". A journalist explained that humor helped their marriage because they could share a joke together.

Sources: <http://metro.co.uk/2017/11/20/happy-anniversary-your-majesty-queen-releases-official-portraits-to-mark-70th-7092189/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. She was 21 when | a. occasion |
| 2. the first British | b. monarch |
| 3. celebrate a platinum | c. stamps |
| 4. the UK's longest reigning | d. she got married |
| 5. The couple spent the day | e. set |
| 6. They marked the | f. monarch |
| 7. Britain's post office issued a | g. at Windsor Castle |
| 8. commemorative postage | h. anniversary |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The royal couple met | a. helped their marriage |
| 2. He gave up his title | b. as teenagers |
| 3. his future mother- | c. together |
| 4. fallen in | d. in-law |
| 5. never to let the Queen | e. for the Queen |
| 6. He has always been there | f. to get married |
| 7. A journalist explained that humor | g. down |
| 8. they could share a joke | h. love completely |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Queen Elizabeth (1) _____ wedding anniversary on Monday with her husband Prince Philip. She was 21 when (2) _____ on November 20, 1947. She is the (3) _____ to celebrate a platinum anniversary. She is the UK's longest reigning monarch. The couple (4) _____ at Windsor Castle. They marked the occasion with several (5) _____. Britain's post office issued a set of commemorative (6) _____.

The royal couple (7) _____ during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave (8) _____ get married. He (9) _____ mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely". He said: "My job first, second and last, (10) _____ the Queen down." He has always been there for the Queen. She called him her "rock". A (11) _____ that humor helped their marriage because they could (12) _____ together.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about wedding anniversaries in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **wedding anniversaries** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

Horizontal lines for writing.