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## Level 6

### UK Queen celebrates 70th wedding anniversary

22nd November, 2017

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

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The royal couple first met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave up his title to become a British citizen to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Reports say that prior to the wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely and unreservedly" with her daughter. He once stated that: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen down." The Queen has always relied on her husband, whom she described as her "rock". Jennie Bond, a former BBC royal correspondent, explained that humor helped their longevity. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going over so many years is the fact they can share a joke together."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about wedding anniversaries. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

70<sup>th</sup> / wedding anniversary / aisle / monarch / couple / special day / historic / stamps royal / son / prince / citizen / fallen in love / husband / rock / longevity / joke

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. FOREVER:** Students A **strongly** believe marriage is forever; Students B **strongly** believe it doesn't have to be forever. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CELEBRATIONS:** What are the best ways to celebrate these landmarks? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                                      | How to celebrate | Would you do this? |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Becoming an adult                    |                  |                    |
| Passing a driving test               |                  |                    |
| Getting married                      |                  |                    |
| Birth of a child                     |                  |                    |
| 70 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary |                  |                    |
| Your 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday      |                  |                    |

**5. QUEEN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "queen". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. MARRIAGE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things for a happy marriage at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- same sense of humor
- same interests
- shared housework
- having children
- separate social life
- same bank account
- always say thank you
- no secrets

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. celebrated | a. Acknowledged, honored, or celebrated an important event or occasion with a particular action.                  |
| 2. aisle      | b. A passage or walkway between rows of seats in a building such as a church or theater, an airplane, or a train. |
| 3. monarch    | c. A silvery-white metal, sometimes called "white gold"; used to signify the anniversary of 70 years of marriage. |
| 4. platinum   | d. Did something special on a special day or to recognize a special day.  |
| 5. reigning   | e. A painting, drawing, or photograph of a person, especially one showing only the face or head and shoulders.    |
| 6. marked     | f. A royal head of state, such as a king, queen, etc.   |
| 7. portraits  | g. Having power as king, queen, sheik, sheikha, emperor, empress, etc.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. landmark       | h. Totally and completely.  |
| 9. title          | i. Before a particular time or event.   |
| 10. prior to      | j. A person employed to report for a newspaper or broadcasting organization, usually on a special topic or from a particular country. |
| 11. unreservedly  | k. An event, discovery, or change marking an important stage or turning point in something.   |
| 12. relied        | l. A name that describes someone's position or job.   |
| 13. correspondent | m. Long life.   |
| 14. longevity     | n. Depended on with full trust or confidence.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Queen Elizabeth was 21 when she got married. **T / F**
- b. Queen Elizabeth is the second British queen to be married for 70 years. **T / F**
- c. The Queen celebrated with a big party at Windsor Castle. **T / F**
- d. Buckingham Palace issued a set of commemorative postage stamps. **T / F**
- e. Elizabeth and Philip met during World War II. **T / F**
- f. Philip told Elizabeth's mother that he completely loved her. **T / F**
- g. Prince Philip calls the Queen his "rock". **T / F**
- h. A journalist said humor was key in the success of the Queen's marriage. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>celebrated</b>     | a. before       |
| 2. <b>aisle</b>          | b. ruling       |
| 3. <b>monarch</b>        | c. renounced    |
| 4. <b>reigning</b>       | d. reporter     |
| 5. <b>portraits</b>      | e. walkway      |
| 6. <b>gave up</b>        | f. depended     |
| 7. <b>marry</b>          | g. pictures     |
| 8. <b>prior to</b>       | h. commemorated |
| 9. <b>relied</b>         | i. wed          |
| 10. <b>correspondent</b> | j. ruler        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The Queen walked down          | a. on her husband        |
| 2. the UK's longest-ever          | b. landmark              |
| 3. the release of a set           | c. met as teenagers      |
| 4. celebrated the historic        | d. reigning monarch      |
| 5. a special set of commemorative | e. his title             |
| 6. The royal couple first         | f. of official portraits |
| 7. He gave up                     | g. kept them going       |
| 8. fallen in love completely      | h. postage stamps        |
| 9. The Queen has always relied    | i. and unreservedly      |
| 10. A big part of what has        | j. the aisle             |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

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*marked*  
*aisle*  
*reigning*  
*landmark*  
*celebrated*  
*portraits*  
*close*  
*monarch*

The royal (9) \_\_\_\_\_ first met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave up his (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to become a British citizen to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Reports say that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ " with her daughter. He once stated that: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen (13) \_\_\_\_\_." The Queen has always (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on her husband, whom she described as her "rock". Jennie Bond, a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ BBC royal correspondent, explained that humor helped their (16) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going over so many years is the fact they can share a joke together."

*down*  
*prior*  
*longevity*  
*couple*  
*relied*  
*title*  
*former*  
*unreservedly*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

- 1) The Queen walked down the \_\_\_\_\_ 21-year-old
  - a. aisle as a
  - b. I'll as a
  - c. ail as a
  - d. isle as a
- 2) She is the first British monarch \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. every to celebrate
  - b. even to celebrate
  - c. event to celebrate
  - d. ever to celebrate
- 3) The couple celebrated their special day with \_\_\_\_\_ and friends
  - a. closes family
  - b. closed family
  - c. close family
  - d. closet family
- 4) They marked the occasion with the release of a set of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. officially portraits
  - b. official portraits
  - c. officials portraits
  - d. officialdom portraits
- 5) celebrated the historic landmark with a special set of commemorative \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. post-age stamps
  - b. post-it stamps
  - c. postage stamps
  - d. posted stamps
- 6) He gave up his title to become a British citizen to \_\_\_\_\_ Princess Elizabeth
  - a. marry the them
  - b. marry the then
  - c. marry the there
  - d. marry the turn
- 7) he told his future mother-in-law that he had fallen in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. loves completely
  - b. loved completely
  - c. lovey completely
  - d. love completely
- 8) My job first, second and last, is never to let \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the Queen down
  - b. the Queen up
  - c. the Queen over
  - d. the Queen along
- 9) The Queen has always relied on her husband, \_\_\_\_\_ as her "rock"
  - a. who she described
  - b. whose she described
  - c. whom she described
  - d. who's she described
- 10) A big part of what has kept them going \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - a. overt so many
  - b. overly so many
  - c. overs so many
  - d. over so many

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

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The royal couple first met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave up his (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a British citizen to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Reports say (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely (9) \_\_\_\_\_" with her daughter. He once stated that: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen down." The Queen has (10) \_\_\_\_\_ her husband, whom she described as her "rock". Jennie Bond, a former BBC royal correspondent, explained that humor (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going over so many years is the fact they can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ together."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

1. How old was Queen Elizabeth when she got married?
2. How many British monarchs have celebrated 70 years of marriage?
3. Who was at the Queen's celebratory party at Windsor Castle?
4. What did Elizabeth and Philip release to mark their wedding anniversary?
5. What did the British post office release to celebrate the anniversary?
6. How old were Elizabeth and Philip when they first met?
7. What did Philip have to give up to marry Elizabeth?
8. Who did Philip tell that he had fallen in love with Elizabeth?
9. What did Elizabeth describe Philip as being?
10. What did a reporter say Elizabeth and Philip shared together?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

- 1) How old was Queen Elizabeth when she got married?
  - a) 22
  - b) 21
  - c) 20
  - d) 19
- 2) How many British monarchs have now celebrated 70 years of marriage?
  - a) 4
  - b) 3
  - c) 2
  - d) 1
- 3) Who was at the Queen's celebratory party at Windsor Castle?
  - a) close friends and family
  - b) European kings and queens
  - c) Donald Trump
  - d) many UK celebrities
- 4) What did Elizabeth and Philip release to mark their wedding anniversary?
  - a) political prisoners
  - b) doves
  - c) official portraits
  - d) a CD
- 5) What did the British post office do to celebrate the anniversary?
  - a) gave money to charity
  - b) released special stamps
  - c) held a party
  - d) opened a new post office
- 6) How old were Elizabeth and Philip when they first met?
  - a) in their teens
  - b) he was 22, she was 19
  - c) they were both 20
  - d) seven
- 7) What did Philip have to give up to marry Elizabeth?
  - a) smoking
  - b) meat
  - c) his title
  - d) playing football
- 8) Who did Philip tell that he had fallen in love with Elizabeth?
  - a) her mother
  - b) her father
  - c) her sister
  - d) her best friend
- 9) What did Elizabeth describe Philip as being?
  - a) her rock
  - b) her dock
  - c) her lock
  - d) her sock
- 10) What did a reporter say Elizabeth and Philip shared together?
  - a) the same star sign
  - b) the same birthday
  - c) hobbies
  - d) a joke

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Laughter**

You think laughter is the best way to a happy marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): having no secrets, having the same hobbies or sharing the housework.

## **Role B – No Secrets**

You think having no secrets is the best way to a happy marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): laughter, having the same hobbies or sharing the housework.

## **Role C – Same Hobbies**

You think having the same hobbies is the best way to a happy marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): having no secrets, laughter or sharing the housework.

## **Role D – Sharing the Housework**

You think sharing the housework is the best way to a happy marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): having no secrets, having the same hobbies or laughter.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'wedding' and 'anniversary'.

| wedding | anniversary |
|---------|-------------|
|         |             |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• husband</li><li>• walked</li><li>• ever</li><li>• close</li><li>• west</li><li>• set</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• teenagers</li><li>• title</li><li>• prior</li><li>• love</li><li>• rock</li><li>• joke</li></ul> |
|--|--|

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'queen'?
3. What do you know about Queen Elizabeth II?
4. What do you think of a couple being married for 70 years?
5. Is a royal marriage different from the marriage of 'normal' people?
6. Would you like to be married for 70 years?
7. How should a couple celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary?
8. What do you think of royal weddings?
9. What would it be like to live in a castle?
10. What landmarks have you had in your life?

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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'wedding'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How romantic is the marriage of Elizabeth and Philip?
15. What would life married to a royal be like?
16. Do you think marriage is forever?
17. Have you ever let someone down?
18. Who is your 'rock'?
19. How important is humor in a relationship?
20. What questions would you like to ask the UK's Queen Elizabeth II?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The royal couple first met (7) \_\_\_\_\_ teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave up his (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to become a British citizen to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Reports say that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely and unreservedly" with her daughter. He once stated that: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen (10) \_\_\_\_\_." The Queen has always relied on her husband, whom she described as her "rock". Jennie Bond, a former BBC royal (11) \_\_\_\_\_, explained that humor helped their longevity. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going over so many years is the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ they can share a joke together."

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |                   |                    |                   |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) aisle      | (b) I'll          | (c) isle           | (d) ill           |
| 2.  | (a) monarchy   | (b) monarchist    | (c) monarch        | (d) monarchism    |
| 3.  | (a) raining    | (b) ringing       | (c) reigning       | (d) reining       |
| 4.  | (a) closing    | (b) closed        | (c) closet         | (d) close         |
| 5.  | (a) marked     | (b) made          | (c) marred         | (d) martialled    |
| 6.  | (a) posts      | (b) posted        | (c) posting        | (d) postage       |
| 7.  | (a) is         | (b) has           | (c) was            | (d) as            |
| 8.  | (a) entitle    | (b) title         | (c) titled         | (d) titling       |
| 9.  | (a) priory     | (b) a priori      | (c) prior          | (d) priority      |
| 10. | (a) in         | (b) up            | (c) over           | (d) down          |
| 11. | (a) correspond | (b) corresponding | (c) correspondence | (d) correspondent |
| 12. | (a) factual    | (b) fact          | (c) facts          | (d) faction       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The Queen walked down the liase
2. the UK's longest-ever reigning rochnam
3. They marked the ciaoosnc
4. a set of official otritpars
5. celebrated the historic mkrndlaa
6. sgtpeao stamps

## Paragraph 2

7. become a British eizncti
8. rprio to the wedding
9. completely and eveusrndely
10. eerdli on her husband
11. a former BBC royal cerntenosorpd
12. humor helped their goetyinlv

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) The royal couple first met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave
- ( ) anniversary. She is also the UK's longest-ever reigning monarch. The couple celebrated their special day with close
- ( ) of London. They marked the occasion with the release of a set of official portraits. Britain's post office has also celebrated
- ( ) to the wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love completely and
- ( ) part of what has kept them going over so many years is the fact they can share a joke together."
- ( ) up his title to become a British citizen to marry the then Princess Elizabeth. Reports say that prior
- ( ) down." The Queen has always relied on her husband, whom she described as her "rock". Jennie Bond, a former
- ( **1** ) The United Kingdom's Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary on Monday with her
- ( ) princess on November 20, 1947. She is the first British monarch ever to celebrate a platinum wedding
- ( ) the historic landmark with a special set of commemorative postage stamps.
- ( ) unreservedly" with her daughter. He once stated that: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen
- ( ) BBC royal correspondent, explained that humor helped their longevity. She said: "A big
- ( ) husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Queen walked down the aisle as a 21-year-old
- ( ) family and friends at a small private party at one of their royal homes - Windsor Castle, west

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171122-platinum-anniversary.html>

1. as down The year- a the Queen 21- aisle walked old .
2. the monarch also longest- reigning is UK's ever She .
3. celebrated close their family special The day couple with .
4. of set a of release The portraits official .
5. set commemorative stamps special of postage A .
6. teenagers couple during first WWII met The as royal .
7. citizen up to British gave title a He his become .
8. The husband her on relied always has Queen .
9. years going What over has so kept many them .
10. share can they fact The together joke a .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The *royal* / *royalty* couple first met as teenagers during World War II. Prince Philip was the son of a Greek prince. He gave *down* / *up* his title to become a British citizen to marry the *them* / *then* Princess Elizabeth. Reports say that *priory* / *prior* to the wedding, he told his future mother-in-law that he had, "fallen in love *complete* / *completely* and unreservedly" with her daughter. He once stated that: "My job first, second and last, is never to let the Queen *up* / *down*." The Queen has always *relied* / *relayed* on her husband, whom she described *as* / *was* her "rock". Jennie Bond, a former BBC royal correspondent, explained that *humorous* / *humor* helped their longevity. She said: "A big part of what has kept them going over so many years is the *fact* / *factual* they can share a joke together."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th\_ \_n\_t\_d K\_ngd\_m's Q\_\_\_n \_l\_z\_b\_th \_\_ c\_l\_br\_t\_d  
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h\_sb\_nd Pr\_nc\_ Ph\_l\_p, D\_k\_ \_f \_d\_nb\_rgh. Th\_ Q\_\_\_n  
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\_v\_r t\_ c\_l\_br\_t\_ \_ pl\_t\_n\_m w\_dd\_ng \_nn\_v\_rs\_ry.  
Sh\_ \_s \_ls\_ th\_ \_K's l\_ng\_st-\_v\_r r\_\_gn\_ng m\_n\_rch.  
Th\_ c\_\_pl\_ c\_l\_br\_t\_d th\_\_r sp\_c\_\_l d\_y w\_th cl\_s\_  
f\_m\_ly \_nd fr\_\_nds \_t \_ sm\_ll pr\_v\_t\_ p\_rty \_t \_n\_\_r  
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\_ff\_c\_\_l p\_rtr\_\_ts. Br\_t\_\_n's p\_st \_ff\_c\_ h\_s \_ls\_  
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l\_w th\_t h\_ h\_d, "f\_ll\_n \_n l\_v\_ c\_mpl\_t\_ly \_nd  
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B\_nd, \_f\_rm\_r BBC r\_y\_l c\_rr\_sp\_nd\_nt, \_xpl\_\_n\_d  
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p\_r\_t \_f wh\_t h\_s k\_pt th\_m g\_\_ng \_v\_r\_s\_ m\_ny y\_\_rs  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Make a poster about wedding anniversaries. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MARRIAGE IS FOREVER:** Write a magazine article about marriage being forever. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on wedding anniversaries. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how a married couple can stay together. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. b    3. f    4. c    5. g    6. a    7. e  
8. k    9. l    10. i    11. h    12. n    13. j    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T    b F    c F    d F    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. celebrated     | a. commemorated |
| 2. aisle          | b. walkway      |
| 3. monarch        | c. ruler        |
| 4. reigning       | d. ruling       |
| 5. portraits      | e. pictures     |
| 6. gave up        | f. renounced    |
| 7. marry          | g. wed          |
| 8. prior to       | h. before       |
| 9. relied         | i. depended     |
| 10. correspondent | j. reporter     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 21
- One
- Close friends
- Official portraits
- Postage stamps
- In their teens
- His title
- Elizabeth's mother
- Her "rock"
- A joke

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)