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U.K. celebrates Queen's diamond jubilee

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A very, very British event will take place in London tomorrow. A huge celebration for Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee – 60 years on the throne. The Queen will sail down the River Thames for three hours followed by 1,000 boats and ships. Along the route, there will be hundreds of thousands of flag-waving and cheering people. After that there will be street parties across Britain, concerts and national holidays when Britons can admire their jubilee mugs and other souvenirs.

The Queen became head of state at the age of 25. Today, she is one of the world's longest reigning monarchs. Many British people are looking forward to the jubilee. Londoner Barry Watkins said: "She's the best. We're fortunate to have her as our queen. She is everything that is great about Britain." However, others are not in a party mood. Brenda Smith from York said: "Kings and queens are history. I don't want my tax going to a rich family who set a bad example to everyone with all their scandals."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. ... will take | a. cheering people |
| 2. 60 years on | b. route |
| 3. Along the | c. holidays |
| 4. flag-waving and | d. the throne |
| 5. national | e. souvenirs |
| 6. mugs and other | f. place in London |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. head of | a. to the jubilee |
| 2. one of the world's longest | b. to have her |
| 3. looking forward | c. state |
| 4. We're fortunate | d. example to everyone |
| 5. not in a party | e. reigning monarchs |
| 6. set a bad | f. mood |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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A very, very British event _____ London tomorrow. A huge celebration for Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee - 60 years on the throne. The Queen _____ River Thames for three hours _____ boats and ships. Along the route, there will be _____ of flag-waving and _____. After that there will be street parties across Britain, concerts and national holidays when Britons can admire their jubilee mugs _____.

The Queen became head of state _____. Today, she is one of the world's _____ monarchs. Many British people are looking forward to the jubilee. Londoner Barry Watkins said: "She's the best. We're _____ her as our queen. She is everything that is great about Britain." However, others are not _____. Brenda Smith from York said: "Kings and queens are history. I don't want _____ to a rich family who set a bad example to everyone with _____."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A very, very British event will (1) _____ place in London tomorrow. A huge celebration for Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee – 60 years on the throne. The Queen will sail (2) _____ the River Thames for three hours followed (3) _____ 1,000 boats and ships. Along the (4) _____, there will be hundreds of thousands of flag-(5) _____ and cheering people. After that there will be street parties across Britain, concerts and national holidays when Britons can (6) _____ their jubilee mugs and other souvenirs.

The Queen became (7) _____ of state at the age of 25. Today, she is one of the world's longest (8) _____ monarchs. Many British people are looking forward (9) _____ the jubilee. Londoner Barry Watkins said: "She's the best. We're (10) _____ to have her as our queen. She is everything that is great about Britain." However, others are not in a party (11) _____. Brenda Smith from York said: "Kings and queens are history. I don't want my (12) _____ going to a rich family who set a bad example to everyone with all their scandals."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) give | (b) have | (c) take |
| 2. | (a) down | (b) under | (c) over |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) of |
| 4. | (a) root | (b) loot | (c) route |
| 5. | (a) making | (b) waving | (c) burning |
| 6. | (a) admire | (b) admiration | (c) admirable |
| 7. | (a) foot | (b) head | (c) back |
| 8. | (a) raining | (b) wringing | (c) reigning |
| 9. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) to |
| 10. | (a) fortunate | (b) fortunately | (c) fortune |
| 11. | (a) happen | (b) mood | (c) season |
| 12. | (a) tax | (b) taxi | (c) taxonomy |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. very British eentv
2. A huge iltanebrceo
3. hundreds of ohndussta
4. flag-waving and icreeghn people
5. onaainlt holidays
6. mugs and other isuerosnv

Paragraph 2

7. longest reigning achsnmro
8. looking arowrdf to
9. We're naftetruo to have her
10. hestro are not in a party mood
11. set a bad xpemlea
12. all their dsclsaan

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "She's the best. We're fortunate to have her as our queen. She is everything that is great
- () and cheering people. After that there will be street parties across Britain,
- () The Queen became head of state at the age of 25. Today, she is one of the world's longest reigning
- () from York said: "Kings and queens are history. I don't want my tax
- () for Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee – 60 years on the throne. The Queen will sail
- () down the River Thames for three hours followed by 1,000 boats and
- () concerts and national holidays when Britons can admire their jubilee mugs and other souvenirs.
- () monarchs. Many British people are looking forward to the jubilee. Londoner Barry Watkins said:
- () about Britain." However, others are not in a party mood. Brenda Smith
- (**1**) A very, very British event will take place in London tomorrow. A huge celebration
- () going to a rich family who set a bad example to everyone with all their scandals."
- () ships. Along the route, there will be hundreds of thousands of flag-waving

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. will British , take event A place very very.

2. The the Queen River will Thames sail down.

3. people - waving Thousands and of cheering flag.

4. street be will There Britain across parties.

5. their mugs Britons admire jubilee can.

6. state of head became Queen The 25 of age the at.

7. monarchs reigning longest world's the of One.

8. as fortunate our to queen have her We're.

9. others in mood , not party However are a.

10. bad example to everyone A rich family who set a.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about Britain's queen for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. BRITAIN'S QUEEN: Search the Internet and find more information about Britain's queen. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Britain's queen. Include an imaginary interview with her and a British person who dislikes the monarchy. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Britain's queen. Ask her three questions about being queen. Give her three of your opinions on kings and queens. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.