

70 Years as Queen



The Queen has her Platinum Jubilee this year.

On Sunday 6 February Queen Elizabeth will have been queen for 70 years.

The Queen's father was King George 6th. He died on the morning of February 6, 1952. At 11.15am, the BBC said that the King passed away in his sleep.

In the UK and across the world, flags were put at half-mast. Many places were closed. Sporting events were stopped.

The Queen returns to London

The new queen was in Kenya with her husband, Prince Philip, when she heard the news. She returned to London the next day. Prime Minister Winston Churchill met her at London Airport.

The King lay in state before his funeral on 15 February 1952. He was buried at Windsor. Elizabeth was not crowned until the next year. She was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953.

Adapted from:

<https://inews.co.uk/news/queen-when-take-throne-george-vi-death-date-elizabeth-ii-coronation-platinum-jubilee-1443903>
and <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/the-queens-accession-and-the-platinum-jubilee/>

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E1-E2 Reading questions

1. The text is mostly about:

- Airports The Queen Kenya

(Tick ✓ one answer. E1.10, E2.8, 1 mark)

2a. Who was the Queen's father?

_____ (E1.9, E1.10, 1 mark)

2b. Name 2 things that happened in the UK when he died.

_____ (E1.9, E1.10, 1 mark)

3. Where was Elizabeth when she heard that her father had died?

_____ (E2.11, 1 mark)

4. Who did Elizabeth see at the airport?

_____ (E1.10, E2.8, 1 mark)

5. Where was King George buried?

_____ (E1.9, E1.10, 1 mark)

6. In what year was Elizabeth crowned?

_____ (E1.9, E1.10, 1 mark)

7. Draw arrows to match each item to the correct organisational feature.

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| The Queen returns to London | Caption |
| 70 Years as Queen | Sub-heading |
| The Queen has her Platinum Jubilee this year. | Headline |

(E2.9, E2.12, 2 marks)

E1-E2 Writing tasks

1. Put the words in alphabetical order.

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| queen | king | flag | morning |
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(E1.14, 1 mark)

2. Rewrite the sentences. Use capital letters and end of sentence markers.

- a. elizabeth has been queen for 70 years

- b. king george was buried at windsor

- c. where was Elizabeth when her father died

(E1.11, E1.12, E2.13, 8 marks)

3. Write in the missing words.

| Singular | Plural |
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| flag | |
| | duties |
| church | |
| | days |

(E2.14, 4 marks)

4. Put the words in alphabetical order.

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| flag | February | funeral | father |
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(E2.15, 1 mark)

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E1 Write an email

Your friend has just moved to the UK.

Write an email to your friend. Tell your friend about the Queen’s jubilee.

Write **3-4 sentences**.

You could tell your friend:

- When Elizabeth became queen.
- Why she became queen.
- What you think of the Queen.

You must write in **full** sentences.

Use capital letters and full stops where you need to.

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| To: My friend |
| Subject: The Queen’s Jubilee |



E1.11/12 (2), E1.13 (1), E1.15 (2), E.16 (5). Maximum 10 marks.

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E2 Write an email

Write an email to your friend. Write **4-5 sentences**.

Tell your friend about the Queen’s jubilee. You could tell your friend:

- when Elizabeth became queen.
- why she became queen.
- what you think of the Queen.
- if you will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

You must:

- write at least two compound sentences using joining words like: **and, but, or**.
- use at least two adjectives.
- use at least one linking word, for example: **also, first, next, then**.
- write in full sentences using capital letters and end of sentence markers.

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E2.13 (2), E2.16 (2), E2.17 (4), E2.19 (2), E2.20 (2). Maximum 12 marks.