

**Ode to Elizabeth Alexandra Mary  
Windsor  
Officially: Her Majesty Queen  
Elizabeth II**



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# The Queen has two different birthdays

- The Queen was born on a sunny day in April
- but celebrates her birthday on Saturday in June.
- With Trooping the Colour, the Birthday parade and better weather,
- but spends the real birthday with her family.



# A Royal Teenager and a young ruler

- A girl guide at 11
- At the age of 14, she spoke to all the children of Britain when the war started
- Her nickname is Lilibet
- Was crowned the Queen when 25



# A driver and a mechanic

- Elizabeth trained as a mechanic and military truck driver in 1945.
- The Queen is the only person in Britain who can drive without a license or number plate.



- She is the only British monarch trained to change a spark plug.

# Marriage and children



- The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were married in 1947,
- she paid for her wedding dress with ration coupons.

The Queen has three sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren.



# Her majesty's royal engagements



**Ceremonies,  
receptions,  
visits and charities.  
Over 3.5 million  
letters has she  
received.**



**The Queen has given  
audiences to 12 British  
Prime Ministers from  
Winston Churchill to  
David Cameron.**



# The Queen's Day



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# Her favourite residences

## Official residences

- The Queen opened Buckingham Palace to the public in 1993 to raise money for restoring Windsor Castle after a big fire

## Private residences

- Balmoral Castle in Scotland is a favourite residence for The Queen and her family during the summer.





# The Queen is a modern ruler

- She sent an email in 1976.
- The message was transmitted over ARPANET, before the modern Internet.
- She is considered the first head of state to have used electronic mail.



# "She's an out-and-out horse addict"

- The Queen rides at Sandringham, Balmoral and Windsor.
- Takes interest in horse breeding.
- Her horses have won virtually every major race in Britain.



# The Queen loves her dogs

- Her Majesty has owned over 60 Corgis,
- her first, 'Susan', was given to her on her 18th birthday.
- She once demoted a footman for giving her corgis whiskey.
- Today, The Queen owns two Corgis and two Dorgis.



London Olympics star, Monty

# A Precious Ruler



- Her extensive tiara collection at Buckingham Palace is said to be the largest collection of tiaras in the world.
- Her jewellery collection in an old air-raid shelter is worth over USD \$300 million.





# A fearless woman

**Elizabeth rode her horse in 1981, and was shot at by a deranged teenager during her birthday celebration.**

**She merely calmed her horse and resumed her procession.**





# A good psychologist

- She once woke up to find a stalker in her bedroom.
- Elizabeth engaged Fagan in conversation, listening to him chat about personal problems.
- He asked for a cigarette, but she couldn't give him one. She doesn't smoke.



Saint James' Park

# Diamond Jubilee in 2012

- Elizabeth II celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, 61 years as Queen, in 2012.
- Today, she is 85 years old but shines as a diamond on the British crown.



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