

Longest reigning monarch

When Queen Elizabeth II became Britain's longest reigning monarch on 9 September 2015, David Cameron, then Prime Minister, paid tribute to Her Majesty in the House of Commons.

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- While listening, tick the correct answer or complete the missing information.
- There is only one correct answer.
- Now read the items. You have 2 minutes to do this.

1. Cameron honours the Queen ...
 - a) as it is traditionally done.
 - b) against her express wish.
 - c) at the royal family's request.
 - d) because of public expectation.

2. Cameron describes the Queen's performance as ...
 - a) ambitious.
 - b) passionate.
 - c) exceptional.
 - d) cooperative.

3. On her 21st birthday the Queen promised to ...
 - a) have her coronation broadcast.
 - b) visit all English-speaking countries.
 - c) commit her life to her royal duties.
 - d) improve international cooperation.

4. As head of state the Queen is associated with ...
 - a) growing wealth.
 - b) democratic Britain.
 - c) Britain's imperial past.
 - d) Britain's cultural heritage.

5. The Queen has led Britain through a time of ...
 - a) social conflict.
 - b) financial crisis.
 - c) national optimism.
 - d) permanent transformation.

6. In this period, the Queen has succeeded in ...

- a) hiding weaknesses.
- b) taking unforeseen risks.
- c) adjusting to modern times.
- d) accepting her institutional role.

7. Particularly, the Queen has helped to ...

- a) deal with religious diversity.
- b) secure economic prosperity.
- c) maintain order in periods of crisis.
- d) expand transcontinental relations.

8. The Queen has brought the monarchy closer to people. How?

Name two examples.

a) _____

b) _____

9. Encounters with the Queen make people feel ...

- a) insecure.
- b) interested.
- c) impressed.
- d) intimidated.

*Do this task **after** you've listened to the speech.*

10. On the whole, Cameron presents the Queen as someone to ...

- a) look up to.
- b) be always right.
- c) stand for tradition.
- d) give people advice.

In one minute you will hear the text again so you can check your answers.