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GATE ACTIVITY SHEET 1

Windsors or Losers?

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AFTER-READING ACTIVITY

After you have read the article, look at the photos. Can you guess whom or what they show? Write one or two sentences about what is happening in them based on what you have learnt from the article. Then put the pictures into one of the four categories mentioned in the article: official duties / finances / positives / scandals.

HELP

Pokud je to vhodné, používejte při popisu přítomný čas průběhový. Zkuste se zamyslet nad slovesy, které chcete použít. Co lidé dělají? Jak se tváří? (*The Queen is smiling.*) Samozřejmě pokud chcete přidat informace o nějakých pravidelných, opakovaných dějích, použijte přítomný čas prostý. (*The Royals organize a lot of parties.*)

A



B



C



D



E



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AFTER-READING ACTIVITY AND SPELLING CHECK

Archie has written a summary of the article about the royal family, but he has made 10 factual mistakes and 10 spelling mistakes. Can you find them all?

HELP

Soustřed'te se na psaní zdvojených hlásek, souhlásek a samohlásek ve slovech.

The Royal Family plays an important role in British society. The Queen is head of state, but this is a mainly ceremonial role. She choses the Parliament and meets the Prime Minister regulaly. The royal family help her with her duties. They host parties and fly around the world to give peeple medals. The Queen always carries five pounds with her in case someone needs to borow some money. The royal family is thought to be worth around £70 milion, so they are pretty rich! They also get money from taxpayers - more than one pound from every person in England. But a lot of this money is used to luck after royal buildings like Balmoral Castle, which is not actually owned by the royal family. Over the years there have been some royal skandals, like when in 1936 King George abdicated because he had fallen in love with a Canadian who was divorced. Prince Charles and Princess Diana also had lovers when they were married. However, the royals also do some good things. They do a lot for different charitys and support nearly 3,000 around the world. The royal family has also been good for Britain in dificult times. They stayed in London when it was being bombed in the First World War to give British people hope. They are also important for bringing turists to the UK, and thousands of them pay to meet the Queen every year.



LISTENING ACTIVITY



Listen to the recording (April Gate CD Track 7) and choose the correct answer. The recording is available for download at www.bridge-online.cz/casopis-gate/gate-april-2020.

- 1** What have Meghan and Harry left?
A The United Kingdom
B the castle
C the royal family
- 2** How does the British man feel about the royal family?
A He is crazy about them.
B He really hates them.
C He doesn't care about them.
- 3** What is the man annoyed about?
A About the royal family living in castles.
B Paying money to the royal family in taxes.
C About them being on the news.
- 4** What is the one thing the royal family does well according to the man?
A They dress well.
B They bring tourists.
C They organize nice weddings.
- 5** What is the American woman interested in doing?
A going to a royal wedding
B marrying Prince George
C visiting Indiana
- 6** How old is Prince George going to be this summer?
A five B seven C six

Přivlastňování v anglickém jazyce

Jak už asi víte, když chceme v angličtině vyjádřit, že něco někomu patří, používáme tzv. přivlastňovací pád (possessive case, to possess = vlastnit). Vycházíme z podstatných jmen životných včetně vlastních jmen.

Podstatná jména v jednotném čísle Elizabeth + corgis	Přidáváme: 's	Elizabeth's corgis
Podstatná jména v množném čísle boys + coach parents + car	Přidáváme pouze apostrof: '	boys' coach parents' car
Podstatná jména s nepravidelným množným číslem women + rights children + room	Přidáváme: 's	women's rights children's room
Můžeme kombinovat s přivlastňovacími zájmeny my + mother + colleague		my mother's colleague

U vlastních jmen končících na -s (Charles) se můžete setkat se dvěma variantami: +s (Charles's) nebo pouze +' (Charles'). Obě jsou přijímány, výslovnost je [tʃɑ:lɪz].

GRAMMAR ACTIVITY

HELP1

V následujícím cvičení budete tvořit přivlastňovací pád, přivlastnění se týká jen vlastních jmen, např. Prince Charles' son.

HELP2

Pro členy širší rodiny, hlavně ty, kteří se stanou příbuznými po svatbě, přidáváme k podstatnému jménu spojení + in-law. Věděli byste, jak se řekne např. snacha, tchýně, švagr?

What are the family relationships between these royal family members? Use the possessive and practise your family vocabulary. Example: Princess Charlotte to the Queen. Solution: Princess Charlotte is the Queen's great-granddaughter / Queen Elizabeth is Charlotte's great-grandmother.

1 Prince Philip to Prince Archie

2 Prince George to Prince Harry

3 The Queen to Camilla

4 Prince Charles to Prince George

5 Meghan Markle to Kate Middleton

6 Prince William to Prince Harry

Učitelé, kteří objednávají 11 a více kusů předplatného, dostávají učitelskou sadu – časopis, CD, Teachers' File, karta, výukový plakát a kalendář – zdarma.

If you think of Britain, you probably think of the royal family. Whether Stuarts, Hanovers or Windsors, Britain has had one for hundreds of years. But what do they do? And what do British people really think of them? Do they represent everything that is great about the United Kingdom, or are they simply rich people living in luxury?

LIAM PEACH (UK)

A Tongue-in-Cheek* Look at the Royal Family

Windsors or



Official Duties¹

So what do the royals actually do? In the past it was mainly **hunting²** and cutting off people's heads, but times have changed. These days the royal family have** a lot of duties, but mainly **waving³**. And smiling. And sometimes, even waving *and* smiling. OK, OK, there is a bit more to it than that. The Queen is head of state. However, since the United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy*, this is mostly a **ceremonial⁴** role. For example, the Queen opens new sessions of Parliament and meets the prime minister regularly and does a lot of work to represent the country. The royal family help the Queen in her official duties. Mainly just meeting a lot of foreign leaders, **hosting⁵** luxurious **banquets⁶** and



garden parties and sometimes giving people medals. They also fly around the world to represent the UK abroad. Well, it's a **tough⁷** job, but someone has to do it.

Royal Finances

Did you know the Queen never carries any money? So there's no point in asking her to lend you a **fiver⁸**. Although she never carries any money, that certainly doesn't mean she doesn't have any. In fact the Queen alone **is worth⁹** around £400 million, and the royal family as a whole **is estimated¹⁰** to be worth nearly £70 billion. So where does all this money come from? Most of it **is inherited¹¹** – places like Balmoral Castle in Scotland and Sandringham House in England have belonged to the House of Windsor* for generations, and they also own businesses and other buildings around the UK. However, the royals also get money from **taxpayers¹²**. They receive something called a sovereign grant, paid to them by the government. This is money for looking after royal **residences¹³** (like Buckingham Palace, which doesn't actually belong to the royal family), paying staff and official entertainment. In 2019/2020 the sovereign

grant was £82.4 million. That's more than one pound from every single person in the UK.

Scandals

The royals are supposed to set a good example, so the rest of us know how to behave. However, royal behaviour is not always as good as it should be, and there have been plenty of scandals over the years. In 1936, King Edward VIII fell in love with an American. Shocking, I know. And not only was she American, she was also divorced. At the time, it was forbidden for the king to marry a divorced woman, so Edward **abdicated¹⁴** – he chose love over being king and left the royal family, with his brother George becoming king. There have been lots of **affairs¹⁵**, most famously Prince Charles and Lady Diana both having lovers while married. And of course, the latest scandal has seen Prince Harry and his wife Meghan leave the royal family completely, to try to have a life away from all the craziness. (A British royal marrying an American divorcee and leaving the royal family? Where have I heard that before?)

WHAT DO PEOPLE IN THE UK THINK ABOUT THE ROYAL FAMILY? HERE ARE A FEW OPINIONS.



I like them, a bit of tradition. Their faces look cool on mugs (= hrnky) and tea towels (= utěrky), too.
— ROB

Losers?



I am a fan. It plays a big role in representing the UK abroad, and at home its strength is that it is politically neutral, meaning the Royals are for all British people, no matter who you vote for. They can stand apart (= stranou) from the usual stupid arguments of political parties.

— GARETH

Having a royal family is a proud tradition for British people. It brings millions of people to the country. However, they cost the taxpayer a lot of money in security and holidays, so I'm worried there are more cons than pros (= záporů než kladů).

— JESS

Anything Positive?

Of course, there must be something positive about them, or the British royal family would have had the same problem as the French and Russian royal families. (Who is the king of France these days?•) The Royals do a lot of work for different charities, supporting over 2,000 of them in the UK and nearly 3,000 around the world. They have also been important in times of crisis in Britain. When London was bombed every night during the Second World War, George VI and his wife Elizabeth stayed in Buckingham Palace to show their support for the people of London. The palace was hit by German bombs nine times, and George and Elizabeth regularly visited parts of London that were worst damaged, **raising the morale**¹⁶ of Londoners and people across the UK. But the real **benefits**¹⁷ of the royal family come from tourism.

People all over the world are fascinated by them and thousands of tourists come and pay to visit royal castles and palaces. It is estimated that this brings in around £500 million a year. For many people both at home and abroad, the royals represent many of the best things about the UK: tradition and **dignity**¹⁸. And being really good at waving.

**In BrE, collective nouns like family can take both plural and singular verbs.



Discuss

Do you like the British royal family?
Who is your favourite member of the royal family? Why?

Why are the royals good for the UK?
Do you agree with any of the people's opinions?

Would you like to have a royal family in your country?

*Glossary

tongue-in-cheek – humorous, not meant to be taken seriously
constitutional monarchy – a type of government in which the power is in the hands of a democratically elected parliament and the monarch's power is limited

Culture Point

Until 1917, the House of Windsor was the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. They changed the name to sound more English during the First World War.

Language Point

The writer uses a lot of irony in this text. Did you understand the part about the French king? Do you know what happened to the last French king, Louis XVI?

Vocabulary

- ¹ **duty** ['dju:ti] – povinnost
- ² **to hunt** [hʌnt] – lovit
- ³ **to wave** [weɪv] – mávat
- ⁴ **ceremonial** [seri'məʊniəl] – formální
- ⁵ **to host** [həʊst] – pořádat
- ⁶ **banquet** ['bæŋkwɪt] – slavnostní hostina
- ⁷ **tough** [tʌf] – těžký, náročný
- ⁸ **fiver** ['faɪvə(r)] – pět liber
- ⁹ **to be worth** [wɜ:θ] – mít cenu
- ¹⁰ **to estimate** ['estimeɪt] – odhadnout
- ¹¹ **to inherit** [ɪn'herɪt] – zdědit
- ¹² **taxpayer** ['tækspeɪə(r)] – daňový poplatník
- ¹³ **residence** ['rezɪdəns] – sídlo
- ¹⁴ **to abdicate** ['æbdɪkeɪt] – odstoupit z funkce
- ¹⁵ **affair** [ə'feə(r)] – milostný poměr
- ¹⁶ **to raise the morale** [reɪz mə'reɪl] – povzbudit náladu
- ¹⁷ **benefit** ['benɪfɪt] – přínos
- ¹⁸ **dignity** ['dɪgnəti] – důstojnost

The royal family is a big tourist attraction. We don't have a Disneyland.
— RICHARD