

Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her Platinum Jubilee

Vocabulary

Commonwealth remarkable unshakeable devotion inspiration reign milestone

Article

On her 21st birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, Her Majesty The Queen dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth.

This year marks a remarkable 70 years of that service. Her Majesty The Queen's unshakeable devotion to public service is a true inspiration. There will be celebrations throughout the UK and across the world as communities come together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Her reign has also seen the friendship and partnership between the UK and Japan grow from strength to strength. So on behalf of the staff at the British Embassy in Tokyo and Consulate-General in Osaka, I would like to encourage you to join us in celebrating this amazing and historic milestone!

Julia Longbottom, HM Ambassador to Japan

Quiz

1. What did Queen Elizabeth do on her 21st birthday?
2. How has her reign affected the UK's relationship with Japan?

Conversation

A: Hey, are you doing anything for the Platinum Jubilee this week?

B: Well, I've put up some bunting in the classroom, and we're having a pudding contest.

A: A pudding contest? What's that about? Are you saying the queen looks like a pudding?

B: No! "Pudding" in Britain is just any kind of dessert... and I get to eat the best pudding.

Discussion

1. What do you imagine when we talk about Queen Elizabeth II?
2. Do people in your country celebrate royal events? What occasions?
3. Who is, or was, your favorite royal person? Why?

True or False? Try the quiz in this Platinum Jubilee pack:

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