

VOCABULARY 8 - EXERCISES

1. Fill in the blanks.

A. Since the concept of monarchy is *undemocratic* I think it should *be abolished*

B. And what would you *replace it with*?

A. A standard republic, like that of France!

B. Don't you think the French President lives like a *King* in his Palais de l'Elysée?

I don't know, but there's one thing I'm sure about — for me, it is absolutely *unjustifiable* to *be in office by accident of birth*!

A. Er, but these *unelected figures*, like *Queen* Elizabeth II, *act as elements of continuity* and *national unity* — therefore, they are *symbols of national stability*!

A. And they receive *substantial amounts of money from tax payers* that must pay to *maintain and run their royal palaces*. This is *unfair*!

B. Well....

A. Some members of this royal family have also *become national embarrassments* with many *sex scandals* and *failing marriages*.

2. Write 5 positive structures / words and 5 negative ones concerning the British Monarchy.

Positive aspects	Negative aspects
act as elements of continuity act as elements of national unity symbols of national stability The king acts as a neutral Head of State Strengthens national tradition	Undemocratic → unelected figures costly: substantial amounts of money from tax payers to maintain and run their royal palaces Some members of this royal family have also become national embarrassments with many sex scandals and failing marriages can appear outdated

THE ROYAL FAMILY TREE

1. He is a young prince. One day, he will become King of the United Kingdom. He has brown hair and blue eyes. He has an uncle called Harry and two siblings. His name is **George**
2. Who was Elizabeth's husband? **Prince Philip**
3. How many sons did Elizabeth have? **3**
4. What are their names? **Charles, Andrew, and Edward**
5. Elizabeth had a daughter, what's her name? **Anne**
6. How many grandchildren did Elizabeth have? **8**
7. How many great-grandchildren did she have? **12**
8. Who was William's mother? **Lady Diana / Diana Spencer**
9. She died in a car crash in 1997, do you know where? **In Paris**
10. He married twice, he has two sons: **King Charles III**
11. William is her grandson: **Queen Elizabeth II**
12. She is William's wife: **Catherine / Kate Middleton**