



# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Quiz

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- Questions are related to The Queen
- To make it easier, at least three possible answers are given for each question (except Q10) – all you have to do is pick the right one
- Possible answers are generally listed in alphabetical order
- There are 15 questions
- Easy questions are at the beginning and then gradually get more difficult (my opinion).

**Q1:** In which year was the Queen born?

A: 1924

B: 1925

C: 1926

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**Q2:** Where was the Queen born?

A: In a hospital

B: In a private house

C: In a palace

**Q3:** How many grandchildren does the Queen have?

A: 6

B: 7

C: 8

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**Q4:** How many great-grandchildren does the Queen have?

A: 10

B: 11

C: 12

**Q5:** How many passports does the Queen have?

A: 0

B: 1

C: 2

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**Q6:** Does the Queen have a driving licence?

A: No

B: Yes

C: It is not generally known

**Q7:** Where did the Queen go to school?

A: England

B: Scotland

C: She never went to school

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**Q8:** By how many Prime Ministers has she been served (as at 4 Feb 2022)?

A: 14

B: 16

C: 18

**Q9:** The Queen owns only two properties, her other properties are owned by the Crown Estate but how many residences does she have for her use in UK?

A: 4

B: 5

C: 6

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**Q11:** During her reign, the Queen has visited 116 countries (including every country in the Commonwealth except Cameroon, which joined in 1995 and Rwanda which joined in 2009) but which of these countries has she never visited as monarch?

A: Greece

B: Nepal

C: Pakistan

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**Q12:** Which way does the Queen's head face on British coins?

A: Left

B: Right

C: It varies by coin



**Q13:** Queen Elizabeth II<sup>1</sup> is currently the fourth longest-reigning monarch<sup>2</sup> in the world. She could surpass both Johann II of Liechtenstein<sup>3</sup> and Bhumibol Adulyadej<sup>3</sup> of Thailand later this year. She could also surpass the longest-reigning monarch in 2024 but who is he?

A: Franz Joseph of Austria      B: Emperor Hirohito of Japan      C: Louis XIV of France

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**Q14:** On 20 September 2013 Prince Charles became the oldest heir to the throne in nearly 300 years but whose record did he pass?

A: Edward VII                      B: Sophie of Hanover                      C: William IV

1. *Queen Elizabeth II - 69 years and 363 days as at 4 Feb 2022.*
2. *States that were internationally sovereign for most or all of their reign and verifiable reigns by exact date.*
3. *Johann II - 70 years and 91 days; Bhumibol Adulyadej - 70 years and 126 days*

**Q15:** The Queen has already celebrated her silver (25), golden (50) and diamond (60) jubilee and will shortly celebrate her platinum (70) jubilee. If she lives another 5 years what would her 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee be called?

A: Diamond

B: Pearl

C: Sapphire

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### And an amusing story to finish ...

The Queen once went undercover.

*On a recent low-key trip to Scotland, she met some American tourists while walking. When the tourists asked if she lived locally, she mentioned that she had a house nearby, and when asked if she'd ever met the Queen she simply pointed at her security and said, "No, but he has!"*



Answers

**Q1:** In which year was the Queen born?

A: 1924

B: 1925

C: 1926

**Answer C:** 1926

*The Queen was born on 21 April 1926.*

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**Q2:** Where was the Queen born?

A: In a hospital

B: In a private house

C: In a palace

**Answer B:** In a private house

*The Queen was born at 17, Bruton Street in Mayfair, London. Not a palace or a big estate or even a hospital, but a townhouse on a busy London street. Her parents had moved into the house, belonging to her Scottish grandparents, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, only a few weeks before her birth. It is now a Cantonese restaurant called Hakkasan.*

**Q3:** How many grandchildren does the Queen have?

A: 6

B: 7

C: 8

**Answer C: 8**

*The Queen has 8 grandchildren. They are: Prince William, Prince Harry, Peter Phillips, Zara Tindall, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn.*

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**Q4:** How many great-grandchildren does the Queen have?

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**Answer C: 12**

*The Queen now has 12 great-grandchildren. They are: Savannah Phillips, Isla Phillips, Prince George, Mia Tindall, Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis, Lena Tindall, Archie Mountbatten-Windsor, August Brooksbank, Lucas Tindall, Lilibet Mountbatten-Windsor and Sienna Mapelli Mozzi*

**Q5:** How many passports does the Queen have?

A: 0

B: 1

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**Answer A:** 0

*As a British passport is issued in the name of Her Majesty, it is unnecessary for The Queen to possess one. All other members of the Royal Family, including The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince of Wales, have passports*

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**Q6:** Does the Queen have a driving licence?

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**Answer A:** No

*The Queen may have been to 116 countries around the world - but one thing she never has to pack is her passport. ... But a passport isn't the only official document the Queen is never required to have. The 95-year-old has never had a driving licence because they too are issued in her name.*

**Q7:** Where did the Queen go to school?

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**Answer C:** The Queen never went to school

*This might sound attractive to kids who'd rather stay at home to play all day... But the Queen did have private tutors who taught her constitutional history, law and French. Nevertheless, she has often said she missed having a formal education.*

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**Q8:** By how many Prime Ministers has she been served (as at 4 Feb 2022)?

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**Answer A:** 14

*Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, Harold Macmillan, Alec Douglas-Home, Harold Wilson, Edward Heath, James Callaghan, Margaret Thatcher, John, Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson.*

**Q9:** The Queen owns only two properties, her other properties are owned by the Crown Estate but how many residences does she have for her use in UK?

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**Answer C: 6**

*Buckingham Palace (Mon-Fri most weeks), Windsor Castle (most weekends plus other times), Sandringham House (Christmas to Feb), Holyroodhouse Palace, Edinburgh (official duties in Scotland - Holyrood Week in July is the main time), Balmoral Castle, Scotland (Aug & Sept) and Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland (official duties in Northern Ireland).*

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**Answer:**

*Sandringham Estate and Balmoral Castle.*



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A: Greece

B: Nepal

C: Pakistan

**Answer A:** Greece

*The Queen herself has never been to Greece as monarch though she did visit Athens before ascending to the throne. The Greeks overthrew and abolished their monarchy in 1973 which affected Prince Philip's immediate family and his father in particular. She has also not visited other European countries such as Albania, Andorra, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Ukraine, Montenegro or Monaco as well as Argentina, Bhutan, Cuba, Israel and Madagascar amongst others.*

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**Q12:** Which way does the Queen's head face on British coins?

A: Left

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**Answer B:** Right

*The Queen's head faces to the right on coins but to the left on stamps. Since the time of Charles II, the direction in which the monarch's head faces on coins has changed with every succeeding monarch. The same does not apply to stamps - the monarch always faces left.*

*The only exception to this rule was Edward VIII. He should have been a right-facer, but insisted on facing left. It never caused a problem, though. As he was only king for 10 months his coins were never issued (though a few were minted.) When George VI took over, he faced the way he would have done if Edward VIII had faced right. In other words, left. So when his daughter became Elizabeth II, she faced right.*

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A: Franz Joseph of Austria      B: Emperor Hirohito of Japan      C: Louis XIV of France

**Answer C:**

*Louis XIV<sup>4</sup> (5 Sept 1638 – 1 Sept 1715), also known as Louis the Great or the Sun King, was King of France from 14 May 1643 until his death in 1715. His reign of 72 years and 106 days is currently the longest recorded of any monarch of a sovereign country in history.*

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**Answer C:** William IV

*William IV became King in June 1830 aged 64 yrs 10 mths and 5 days. Prince Charles is now 73.*

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**Answer A:** Diamond

*A diamond jubilee celebrates the 60th anniversary of a significant event . The term is also used for 75th anniversaries, although the human lifespan makes this usage more common for institutions.*

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How many did you get right?