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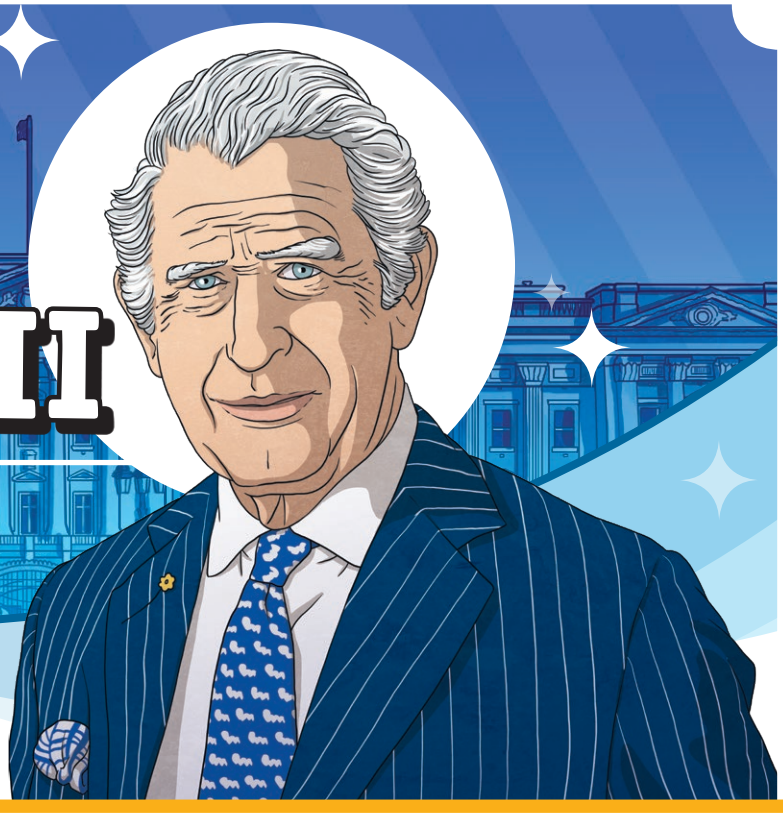

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Queen Consort
This is a title given to the wife of a reigning King.

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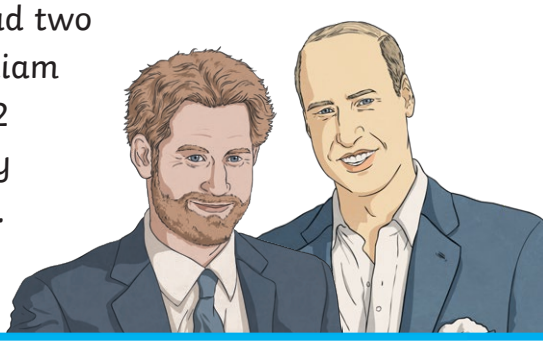

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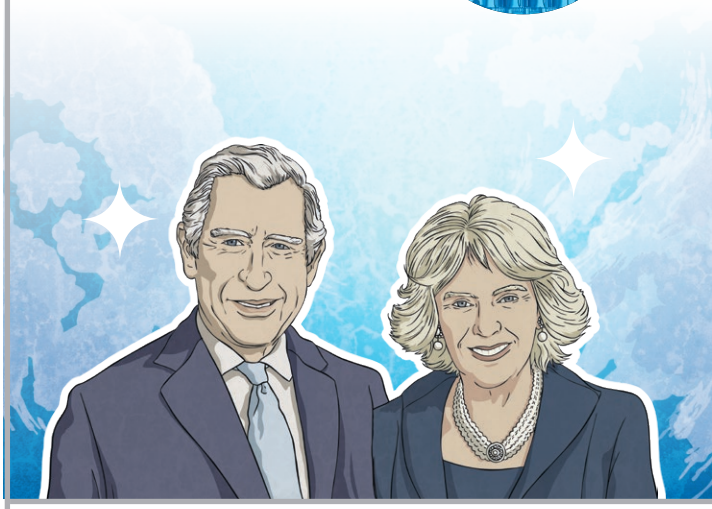

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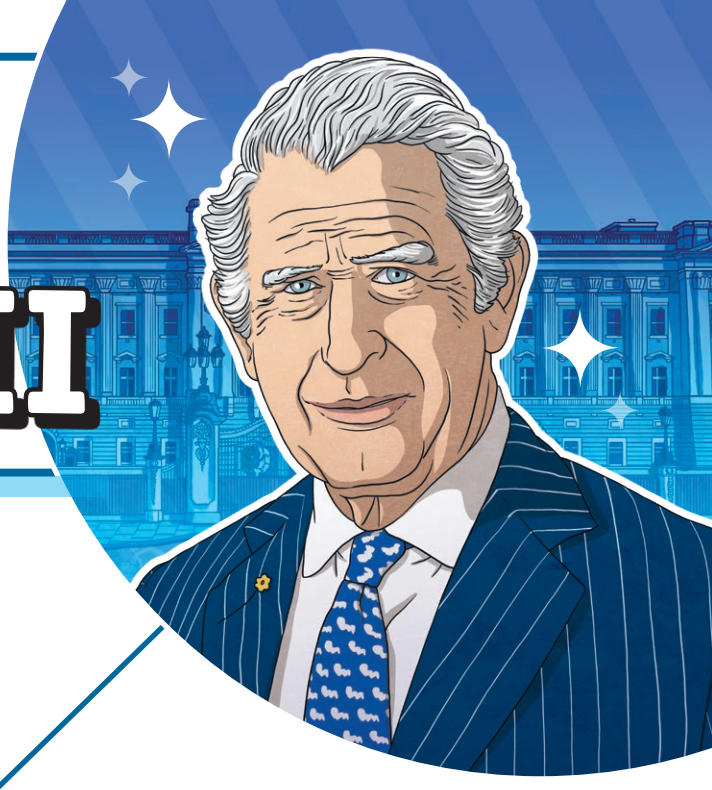

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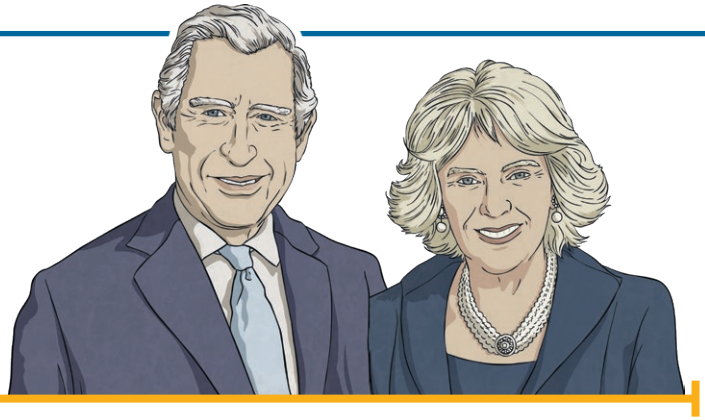

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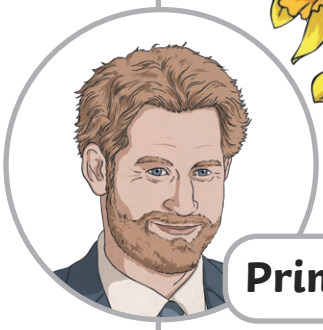

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Questions

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   - ◯ Buckingham Palace
   - ◯ Windsor

2. Draw **four** lines and match each person to their relationship to The King.

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Duke of Edinburgh	The King's grandfather
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King George VI	The King's son

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   _____

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5. Fill in the missing words.

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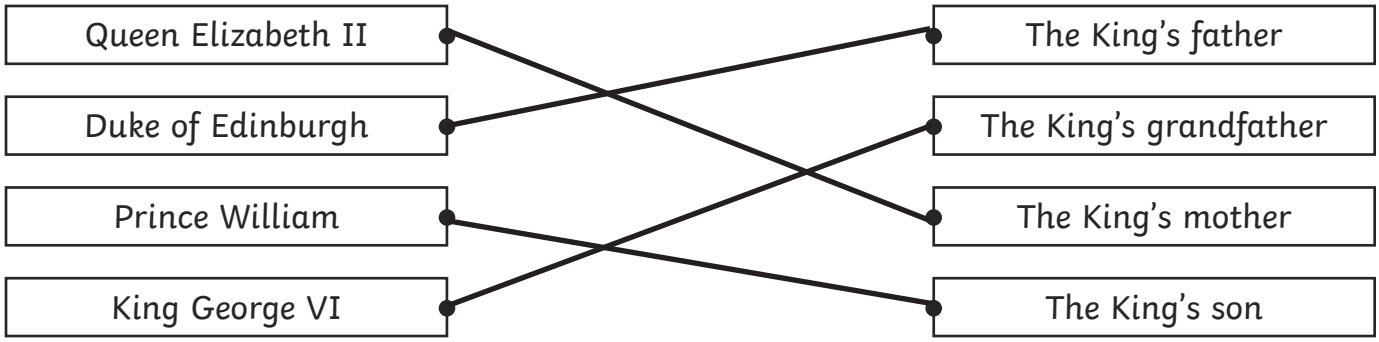

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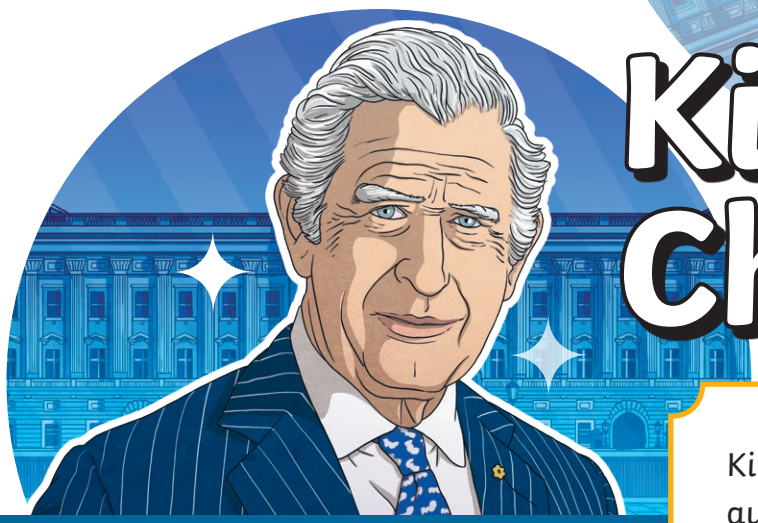

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King Charles III

At his accession to the throne, King Charles III realised the destiny which had awaited him since birth; in so doing he also set in motion the dawning of the next generation of royal roles. In his first official address as Sovereign, he confirmed what had been expected in creating the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge the new Prince and Princess of Wales. A new royal era begins.

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- 1948 - King Charles III is born, at the time his title is Prince Charles
- 1952 - Prince Charles's mother becomes Queen and he the heir apparent
- 1958 - The Queen creates him The Prince of Wales
- 1962 - The Prince begins his first term at Gordonstoun School in Scotland
- 1969 - The Prince spends a term at University College of Wales to learn Welsh
- 1970 - The Prince is awarded a degree
- 1971- The Prince begins his career in the Royal Navy
- 1981 - The Prince married Lady Diana Spencer
- 1982 - Prince Charles' son, Prince William is born
- 1984 - Prince Charles' son, Prince Harry is born
- 1992 - Prince Charles and Princess Diana announce their separation
- 2005 - The Prince marries Camilla Parker Bowles

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Questions

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   What does this tell you about him?

8. How do you think King Charles III felt on becoming king?

9. Discuss your understanding of the role of the Royal Family.

10. Do you think that The King will behave differently now he is the sovereign, compared to when he was the Prince of Wales?

    Tick one.

    ☐ yes
    ☐ no
    ☐ maybe

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   Pupils' own responses, such as: This quote tells me that The King is passionate about the environment and believes that there is plenty that rich countries across the world could do to help reverse some of the damage that has been done, rather than pretending it is not happening.

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Acceptable points - Yes
• Because he has been preparing for the role for a long time.
• He knows that it is a different job to be a prince compared to the monarch.
• Because he respects the monarchy and wants to follow in his mother's footsteps

Acceptable points - No
• He is sometimes described as outspoken.
• He is sometimes described as controversial.
• He has been making his feelings known on certain topics for many years.

Award 3 marks for three acceptable points or two acceptable points with at least one supported with evidence, e.g.
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• Yes because the King has grown up watching his mother providing an excellent example. He wants to follow in her footsteps.
• No because he has been described as outspoken and the Queen was famously quiet about important issues.

Award 1 mark for one acceptable point.
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For answers selecting **maybe** provide points in the same way for a mixture of **yes** and **no** APs.

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