

The Queen's Day

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1. Read

Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth the second, is very lucky. Why? Because she gets two birthdays every year. That's right, not one, but two birthdays. Her normal birthday is on 21st April but all British Kings or Queens with a birthday in autumn, winter or spring celebrate again in the summer. So Queen Elizabeth has an official birthday on a Saturday in June. In April, the Queen has a private birthday but in June there is a special Trooping the Colour Parade in Whitehall. The Queen and other people from the Royal family watch the Parade. There are Royal guards on foot and on horse and they parade in full costume and with the British flag - the colours.

2. Choose A or B

1. The Queen is very (a) lucky (b) unlucky
2. The Queen's normal birthday is in (a) spring (b) summer
3. The Queen's official birthday is (a) summer (b) autumn
4. The Queen's normal birthday is celebrated in (a) private (b) public
5. The Queen's official birthday is in (a) private (b) public
6. The Trooping the Colour parade is with (a) the Queen's favourite colours (b) British colours

3. **Design a special birthday flag for the Queen.** You could include Windsor Castle, the royal carriage or the Queen's Corgi dogs for example.

Teachers Notes

2. 1. a 2. a 3. a 4.a 5. b 6. b

3. Ask students to think about what objects/ places/ colours represent the Queen and to design a flag based around those. As an extension project they could present and explain their flag to the class/ a group.