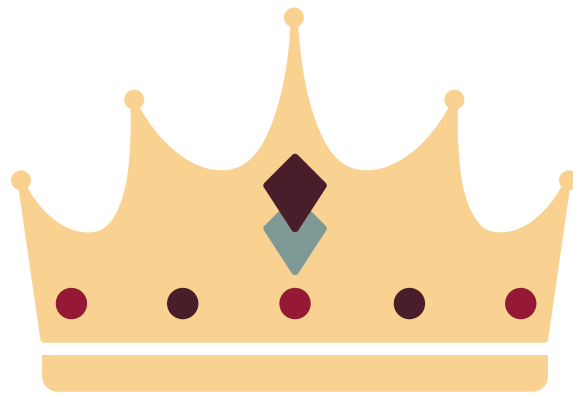




# The Queen's Christmas Speech

25 December 2021

handout with answer key





## pre-watching questions

1. What did the Queen talk about last year?
2. What do her Christmas speeches usually look like? Is this year's message going to be different? Why?
3. What is she going to talk about in 2021?
4. Whose photo is she going to have on her desk?

## vocabulary

to owe sb a debt | beloved | irrepressible | to set eyes on sb | to embrace the values | to pass the baton | a beacon of hope | to reminisce sb/sth

How can these words be used in the speech?

**Watch the video here**



## post-watching questions

1. What does the Queen talk about? Did you guess the topics?
2. What words does she use to describe Prince Philip?
3. What is The Duke of Edinburgh's Award?
4. How did Camilla and Catherine support Charles and William?
5. What is going to take place next year?
6. How to understand 'that in the birth of a child, there is a new dawn with endless potential'?



## Answer key

### pre-watching questions

1. COVID - not directly, challenges of 2020, NHS, The Unknown Warrior Memorial, Florence Nightingale, Jesus
2. They are solemn, serious, unsentimental, full of metaphors and similes. This year her husband passed away, so it might be different.
3. The pandemic again?
4. Prince Philip again?

### post-watching questions

1. the death of her husband, the meaning of Christmas, COVID, Glasgow Summit, upcoming Commonwealth Games, Platinum Jubilee year
2. warmth and affection, sense of service, intellectual curiosity and capacity to squeeze fun out of any situation, mischievous, enquiring twinkle, mindful of this sense of passing the baton
3. offers young people throughout the Commonwealth and beyond the chance of exploration and adventure
4. environmental work
5. Commonwealth Games, Platinum Jubilee
6. children are born with a capacity to create new things and nothing is impossible for them