

WHERE?



London,

in England,
four months after
the death* of
King George VI,
his daughter
Elizabeth
is crowned*.

WHEN?

1953

Elizabeth officially
became Queen
on 2 June 1953,
in Westminster
Abbey.

WHO?

Elizabeth II

was born* on
21 April 1926.
At that time, she
was not destined
to be Queen.
But when her
Uncle Edward
abdicated*, her
father became
King. This put
her in direct* line
to the throne.

Elizabeth II

Elizabeth II has been Queen of
the United* Kingdom for almost 68 years!

But she was not destined
to become* Queen...



It's 1935. Princess Elizabeth and her sister Margaret live in London. Their grandfather is King of the United Kingdom.

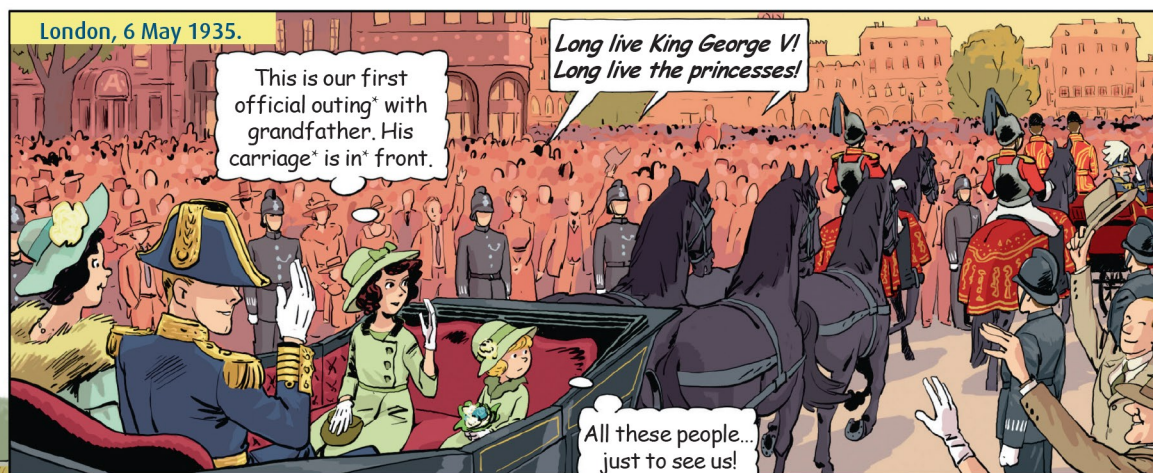
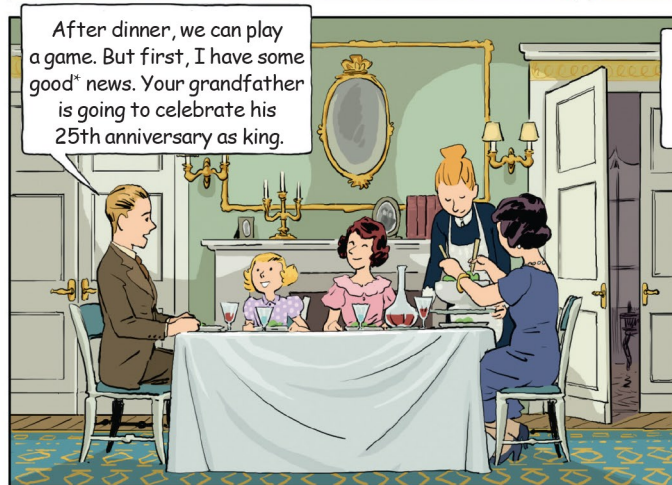
Your things are
always tidy*, Lilibet*!

Yes, Margaret.
I am very tidy*.

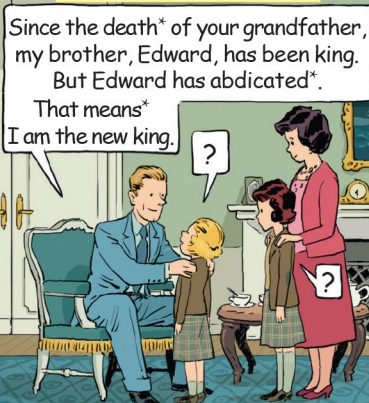
Lilibet, Margaret,
Nurse* is waiting
for you. It's time
for your lessons.

We're coming,
Mother!

*Pet name for "Elizabeth".



George V dies* in 1936...



HELP!

abdicate: renoncer à ses fonctions de roi ou de reine

agree: être d'accord

ancestor: ancêtre

become: devenir

born (to be): naître

both: tous/toutes les deux

carriage: carrosse

crowned (to be): être couronné

curtsy: faire une révérence

death: décès

delighted: ravi

die: mourir

direct line to the throne (to be in): être l'héritier pour devenir roi ou reine

good news: bonne nouvelle

grand event: événement important et formel

in front: à la tête du défilé, cortège

mean: signifier

Nurse: gouvernante

outing: sortie, engagement

pet name: surnom affectueux

tidy (to be): être ordonné

tidy: bien rangé

United Kingdom: le Royaume-Uni (composé de: l'Angleterre, le Pays de Galles, l'Écosse et l'Irlande du Nord)

HELP!

bomb shelter:
abri anti-aérien

bomb: bombarder

bring: apporter

crowned (to be):
être couronné

enjoy: apprécier

feel (I ... that):
J'ai le sentiment que

Germany:
Allemagne

grounds: domaine

guided tour:
visite guidée

hope: de l'espoir

last: durer

navy: la marine

radio broadcast:
émission radio

ride (a horse):
monter à cheval

seem: sembler

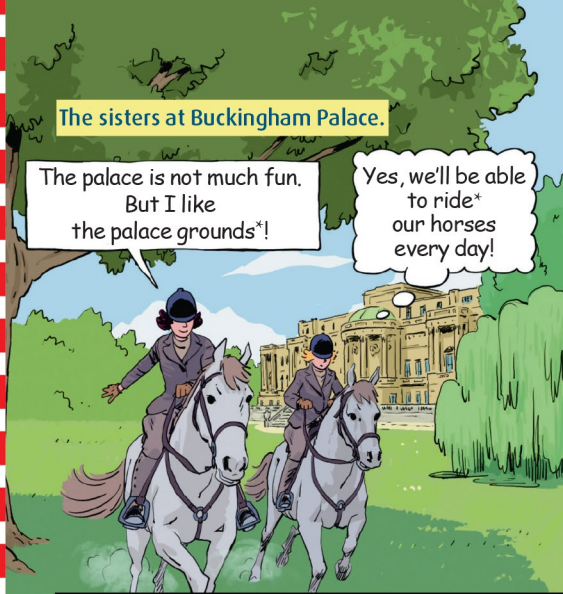
war: guerre

wishing (in ... you):
en vous souhaitant

The sisters at Buckingham Palace.

The palace is not much fun.
But I like
the palace grounds*!

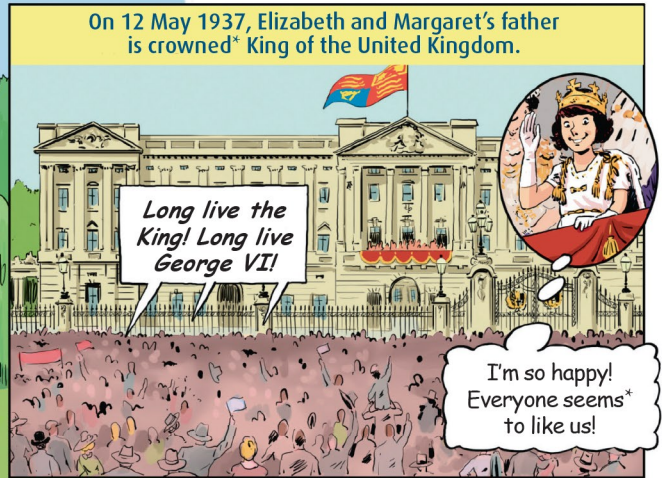
Yes, we'll be able
to ride*
our horses
every day!



On 12 May 1937, Elizabeth and Margaret's father
is crowned* King of the United Kingdom.

Long live the
King! Long live
George VI!

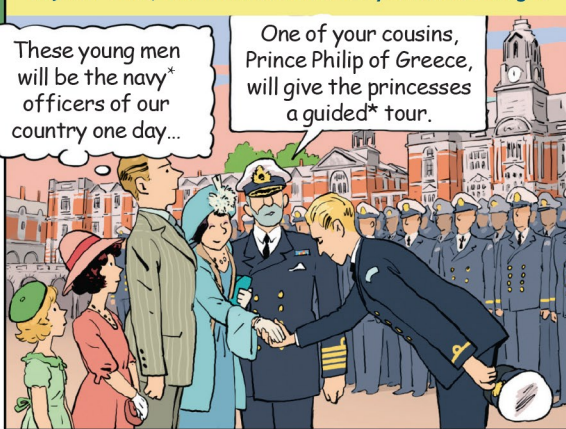
I'm so happy!
Everyone seems*
to like us!



In June 1939, Elizabeth visits the Royal Naval College.

These young men
will be the navy*
officers of our
country one day...

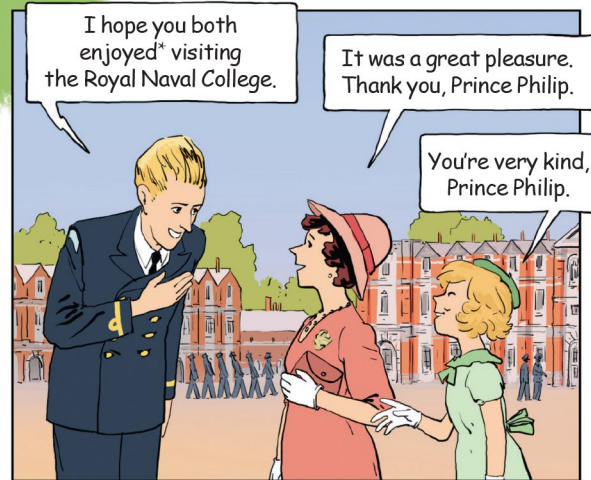
One of your cousins,
Prince Philip of Greece,
will give the princesses
a guided* tour.



I hope you both
enjoyed* visiting
the Royal Naval College.

It was a great pleasure.
Thank you, Prince Philip.

You're very kind,
Prince Philip.



In September 1939, Britain and
France declare war* on Germany*.

This war should
not last* very long.



But the war continues...



At Windsor Castle,
near London.

The Germans are
bombing* London!
We must go to the
bomb* shelter...



13 October 1940.

In wishing* you all
"good evening",
I feel* that I am speaking
to friends and companions...

Elizabeth is giving hope*
to all the children
listening to this
radio* broadcast.



Christmas 1943.

The princesses
bring* us joy and hope
in these
difficult times...

I love Princess
Elizabeth more and
more each day...



In 1945, Elizabeth joins* the army.
She is a mechanic*.

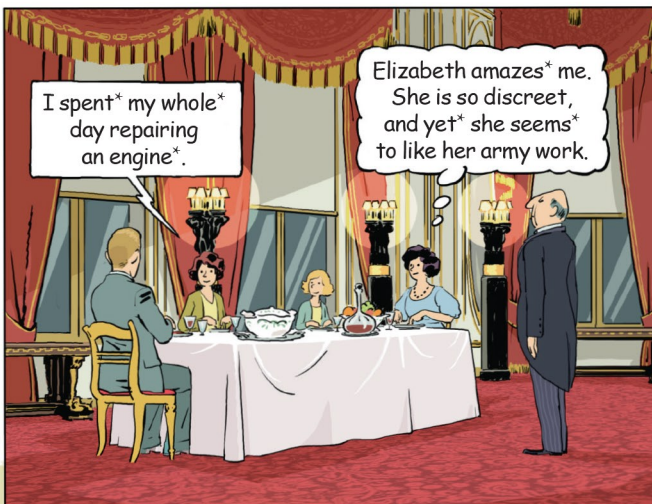
Now I feel I am playing
an active part in the war.
It's important to know how
to repair army vehicles...



London, 8 May 1945.

War* in Europe
is over* at last.

Long live
the Royal Family and
the Prime Minister
Winston Churchill!



I spent* my whole*
day repairing
an engine*.

Elizabeth amazes* me.
She is so discreet,
and yet* she seems*
to like her army work.

That evening, the princesses go out into the streets of London.

What a pleasure it is to celebrate
the end of the war in the streets.
I'll never forget* this evening.

No* one will recognize us
in these clothes!



Two years later*, Elizabeth marries* Prince Philip.

In 1948, their first child is born* in Buckingham Palace.



Now you are
"The Duke of
Edinburgh"!

Congratulations*, you have a son!
Nine doctors were present at
the birth*. The Queen is resting*,
but everything went well.

Elizabeth and Philip have four children,
between 1948 and 1964.



This wedding* is a happy event
after that dreadful* war.

HELP!

amaze: étonner

birth: naissance,
accouchement

born (to be): naître

congratulations:
félicitations

dreadful:
épouvantable

engine: moteur

forget: oublier

join army: s'engager
dans l'armée

later: plus tard

marry: épouser

mechanic:
mécanicien

no one: personne

over at last:
enfin terminé

rest: se reposer

seem: sembler

**spent (p) spend
(inf) (time):**
passer du temps

war: guerre

wedding: mariage

whole day:
toute la journée

yet: pourtant

HELP!

all over the world:
partout
dans le monde

bad news:
mauvaise nouvelle

broadcast: diffuser

coronation:
couronnement

die: mourir

enjoy:
profiter, apprécier

event: événement

hard: difficile

health: santé

hold the record:
détenir le record

later: plus tard

longest-reigning:
qui règne le plus
longtemps

meet: venir accueillir

mourning (to be in): être en deuil

set: poste

supposed to:
être censé

worried: inquiet

In Kenya, in 1952.

My father was supposed* to make this official visit...

Yes, it's hard* to enjoy* our visit when you are worried* about your father's health*.

One morning.

I have bad* news. Your father has died*.

London Airport, 7 February 1952.

Thank you for meeting* me, Prime Minister. This is a very sad day.

A few weeks later*.

Princess Elizabeth is still in mourning*, but we must prepare the dress for her coronation*.

All* over the world, people want to watch the coronation on television...

We'd like to buy a television set* to watch the coronation.

2 June 1953...

She smiled at me!

Millions of people watch the coronation. It is the first time a major event* is broadcast* internationally!

THE END

Today, Queen Elizabeth is 94 years old. She has been Queen for 68 years. She holds* the record for the longest-reigning* monarch in the history of Britain.