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Head of State



Head of Nation



Head of the Commonwealth



Head of the Church of England



Head of the Armed Forces



Patron of Charities



Constitutional Responsibilities

I. Head of State

The King represents the United Kingdom when he travels abroad on official visits. He also hosts other world leaders when they visit our country.

His Majesty is also sovereign in 14 Countries.
Can anyone name them?





- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Belize
- Canada
- Grenada
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Solomon Islands
- Tuvalu
- United Kingdom

2. Head of Nation

A symbol of unity and national identity.

He attends special events and gives national messages such as the annual Christmas broadcast. He takes part in traditions such as Trooping the Colour and Garter Day.

The King recognises the achievements of people and gives honours for services to their community, their professional work or other good causes.

The King also looks after one of the largest and most important art collections in the world, comprising more than a million paintings and objects.

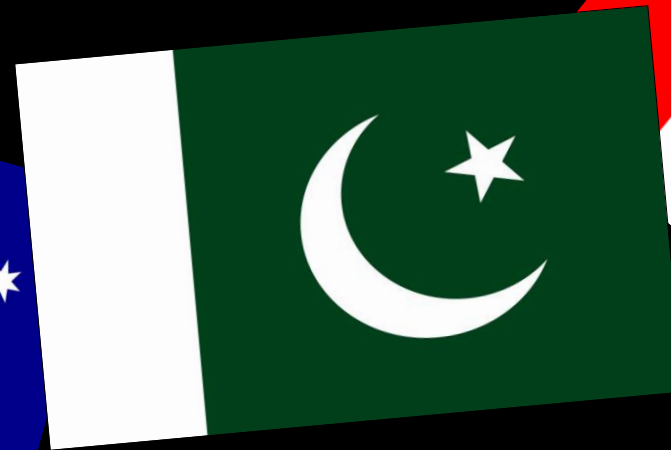
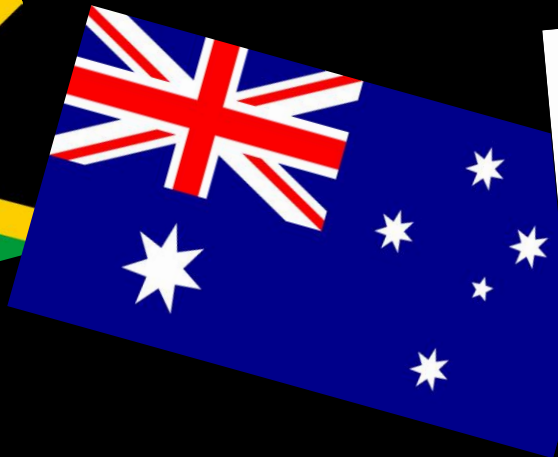


3. Head of Commonwealth

The King is also the Head of the Commonwealth, a voluntary organisation of 54 independent and equal countries.

The King has visited many of the countries in the Commonwealth.

Can you name the some of the countries of the Commonwealth by their flags?



4. Head of the Church of England

The monarch has held this role ever since it was founded by Henry VIII in the 1530s.

The spiritual leader of the Church is the Archbishop of Canterbury and so The King's role is mostly ceremonial.

He takes a direct interest, as a practicing Christian himself, in the life and work of the Church.

In the role of Head of the Church of England, he also still takes an interest in all religions.



5. Head of the Armed Forces



The King is the head of the Royal Navy, The British Army and The Royal Air Force.

The King holds many military appointments and honorary ranks.

His Majesty served in the forces himself, as did his father and many other members of his immediate family.

6. Constitutional Responsibilities



Every day The King receives a red box containing important reports from his officials. He is often asked to sign these.

The King also opens Parliament each year and has weekly meetings with the Prime Minister.

The King holds important meetings called the Privy Council.

Laws passed by Parliament must also get The King's stamp of approval.

7. Patron of Charities

The King and members of the Royal Family are patrons of more than 3,000 charities worldwide.

This gives The King and his family the opportunity to connect with people who serve and support their communities. In 2019, the Royal Family carried out 3,567 engagements, many of these supporting the work of charities.



Summary

The King was heir to the throne for many years and closely watched the amazing work of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, during this time.

Like his mother before him, he has a great sense of duty and has devoted his life to service of the UK and the Commonwealth.

God Save The King!





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