RIP dear Queen Elizabeth the Second



Elizabeth II was Queen of the United Kingdom and fifteen other Commonwealth realms (countries). Elizabeth was born in London in 1926, the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. She had one sister, Princess Margaret, who was two years younger. Her Majesty was married to Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. They got married in 1947. They had four children: Prince Charles, (now king), Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. There are eight grandchildren of the queen. She had many royal residences (homes). The main one was Buckingham Palace in London. She spent a lot of time at Windsor Castle in the south of England and at Balmoral in Scotland. The Queen had her problems over the years! The death of Princess Diana in 1997 was a difficult time for the royal family. There have also been divorces among her children. Anne, Andrew and Charles have been divorced. Recently, her grandson Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle left the UK to go and live in California. They have since given an interview with Oprah Winfrey. There was scandal about Prince Andrew and his links with unsuitable people. However, the Queen's popularity was never in question. She was respected across the world. On Thursday September 8th, the queen died. She was ninety-six years old and frail. Many republicans, people who do not think royalty is a good idea, or justified at all, had much respect for this great lady who never put a foot wrong. What an amazing monarch she was. Rest in Peace, dear Queen Elizabeth. And now, we must look to the future and say what we always say when a king or queen dies: Long live the King!

Answer the following questions about the Queen in full sentences:

1. Who was Elizabeth the Second? _____
2. When and where was she born? _____
3. How many brothers and sisters did she have? _____
4. Who was her husband? _____
5. When did they get married? _____
6. How many children did she have? _____
7. Who is the new monarch? _____
8. Which of her palaces is in London? _____
10. Which famous princess died in 1997? _____
11. What percentage of her children have been divorced? _____
12. Who is Prince Harry's wife? _____
13. Where do Prince Harry and his wife live now? _____
14. What nationality is Oprah Winfrey? _____
15. How old was the Queen? _____
16. What do we say after a king or queen dies? _____

Did you ever see the Queen? Is there a king or queen in your country?