

LET'S TALK CULTURE LONDON



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Below you can find a number of rules the members of British Royal Family have to follow. Decide which of them are true and which are false. Explain.

1. Eating onions and garlic is forbidden.
2. Two heirs cannot fly on the same flight.
3. Only women with the title of Princess can wear a tiara.
4. All royal wedding dresses have to be designed by the same designer.
5. The Royal Family rarely eat seafood.
6. The royal wedding bouquets must be made of flowers from the Garden at Buckingham Palace.
7. The Queen cannot sit on a foreign throne.
8. The Royals cannot give autographs.
9. All women should wear bright colours.
10. The Royals cannot play Monopoly.
11. Women cannot wear trousers and their dresses must be at least knee-length.
12. The couples can hold hands, but they shouldn't kiss in public.
13. The Royals cannot marry someone of other faith.
14. Boys cannot wear trousers.
15. Every engagement has to be approved by the Queen.

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Teacher's notes:

1T, 2T, 3F, 4F, 5T, 6F, 7T, 8T, 9F, 10T, 11T, 12F, 13F, 14T, 15T

Explanations:

1. The Royals attend many dinner parties and other official meals and that rule is simply to avoid bad breath.
2. This rule comes from the times when air travel was just introduced and was not considered to be very safe. The idea was to preserve the line of succession in case of an accident. Although Prince William and Kate Middleton fly with their children now, it is probable that Prince George will not be allowed to fly with his father as he turns 12.
3. Only married women from the Royal Family can wear tiaras. What is interesting, all tiaras belong to Queen Elisabeth and can be only borrowed by other royal women.
4. The royal fiancées can choose the designer freely, but the wedding dress has to be approved by the Queen.
5. The Royals do not usually eat seafood because of the risk of food poisoning.
6. The only rule about wedding bouquets is that they have to contain myrtle. The tradition dates back to Queen Victoria's wedding.
7. The Queen cannot sit on ANY foreign throne, even if it is a throne of a fictional ruler, e.g. from a Disney movie.
8. This rule was introduced to avoid forgery. The Members of the Royal Family can put their signatures only on official documents.
9. Only the Queen should wear bright colours. This is because she should be the most distinguished person in the crowd.
10. The Duke of York forbade playing the game because according to him it was too competitive.
11. The Royals are expected to dress modestly and avoid provocative looks.
12. The royal couples should avoid any public displays of affection.
13. According to the 1701 Act of Settlement, the Members of the Royal Family cannot marry a Roman-Catholic. However, nowadays they can marry a person of any faith, as long as the Queen approves the marriage.
14. According to the protocol, trousers are reserved for teenage and adult men.
15. A Member of the Royal Family can only get engaged if the Queen approves.