

THE BRITISH MONARCHY TODAY

- The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy. This means that it has a monarch (a king or a queen) as its Head of State. The monarch reigns with the support of Parliament. The powers of the monarch are not defined precisely. Everything today is done in the Queen's name. It is her government, her armed forces, her law courts and so on



- The Queen is very rich as are other members of the royal family. In addition, the government pays for her expenses as Head of State, for a royal yacht, train and aircraft as well as for the upkeep of several palaces. The Queen's image appears on stamps, notes and coins.



Parliament consists of two chambers known as the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Parliament and the monarch have different roles in the governing of the country, and they only meet together on symbolic occasions such as the Coronation of a new monarch or the Opening of Parliament.



- The further life of Queen Elizabeth 2 for the time being remains one of the main symbols of England and all of Great Britain. Being in power for more than 65 years, she was able to strengthen the authority of the British monarchy.

