

## **Topic 5 The Monarchy and the Government - instructions and questions**

Please, study the following resources to answer the questions below:

O'Driscoll, J.: Britain for Learners of English, Oxford University Press 2013 (pp. 43 - Encyclopedia Britannica (online))

1. Explain the quote: The position of the monarch in Britain illustrates the contradictory nature of the constitution.
2. Who embodies the law at the courts in Britain and in what way is it different from some other countries?
3. Choose at least 3 members of the royal family. Name them and give some facts from their lives.
4. What is "Honours List"? How often is it released? What are the people from the list entitled to do? Describe the ceremony and its effects on the participants.
5. What are the three roles of the Monarch?
6. Describe the value of monarchy in Great Britain.
7. Comment on the future of the monarchy in Great Britain.
8. Describe the event of Edward and Mrs. Simpson.
9. Explain the notion of Great Britain being the country of "two kingdoms"
10. In Great Britain, when media talk about government, it usually means two things...what?
11. Describe ministers and departments in British government (p. 85)
12. Describe the role of the Cabinet in British Government.
13. Describe the position of the British Prime Minister.
14. Name at least 3 Prime Ministers in British Government. Give the periods / years during which these Prime Ministers were in power.
15. What are the origins of the civil service in Britain?
16. Describe the local government in Britain.
17. Explain what the "Whitehall" is.
18. Explain counties, parishes and boroughs in British local government.

