

□ GRAMMAR TIME – ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SENTENCES

Change the sentences from active to passive or passive to active. If you don't know the subject, use 'they'.

1. The throne was made in 1300. *They made the throne in 1300.*
2. The jewels were hidden in a secret location.
3. Lots of people watched the coronation.
4. All the monarchs were crowned in Westminster Abbey.
5. The Queen wore a very heavy crown.

□ THINK!

Lots of people in Britain love the royal family but not everyone agrees. What do you think? Write 1 to 5 next to these ideas.

1 completely disagree 2 disagree 3 not sure 4 agree
5 completely agree

- The British monarchy helps to maintain the traditions and culture of the nation.
- It's fun to read about the gossip connected to members of the royal family.
- A monarchy is old fashioned and not necessary in a modern society.
- I feel sorry for the Queen and her family who never have any privacy.
- I don't understand why the British people get so excited about the royals.
- The royal family have too many privileges and cost the people a lot of money

Now, think about these questions and try to answer.

1. After 66 years some people think that the Queen should abdicate and let one of the younger generation take over. Do you think older people should stop work and let the younger ones have a chance or, if they are good at their job, is it a good idea for them to keep working?
2. Prince Charles is the next in line to the throne. He is 70 years old and is still waiting to start work and become king. Do you think it's difficult to do nothing or is it better to have a job to do?

