

Kings & Queens



What are Kings and Queens?

Just like I am the leader of this classroom, and the president is the leader of our country, the United States, some countries in the world have leaders called kings and queens. Kings and Queens are different leaders from teachers or presidents because they are born into special families called royal families.

What are Kings and Queens?

A king is a man from a royal family who is the leader of a country, while a queen is a woman from a royal family who is the leader of a country. Their children are called princes and princesses, and they will one day grow up to become kings and queens. Kings and queens and their royal families live quite differently than other people do.

What are Kings and Queens?

Many different countries in the world have been ruled by kings and queens. France and England and other countries in Europe have kings and queens.



What are Kings and Queens?

Listen carefully to learn more about several kings and queens from Europe.



What are Kings and Queens?

You are going to hear a read-aloud about different European kings and queens from long, long ago, about the places they lived, and all the different royal things that belonged to them.



What are Kings and Queens?



Look at this fancy building.

WHAT DO YOU THINK A
BUILDING LIKE THIS MIGHT
BE USED FOR?

What are Kings and Queens?



Can you believe that this was actually someone's house?

Well, it's not just any house. It's a palace.

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This palace used to belong to a queen of France.



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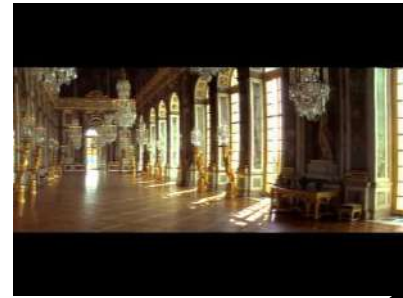


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As the leaders of their countries, kings and queens often had the biggest and best homes in the land, known as palaces or castles.

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As the leader, the queen and king rules a particular area of land and the people who live there. A king or queen leads and makes decisions about an area of land and the people who live there.

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This area of land is called a kingdom. There used to be many, many kingdoms in the world. Today, however, there are not as many kingdoms or kings and queens as there used to be.

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Tell me about this picture.
Who do you think this
person might be?

This is King Richard II and
he is the king of England.

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King Richard II was
the king of England.

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"It's good to be king."
That's an old saying, and if
you look at this king--whose
name was King Richard II
or England--you begin to get
the idea of why this saying
holds true.

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If you walked into a palace in England three hundred years ago and saw this person, you wouldn't have any trouble guessing he was king.

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As the most important and powerful people in their kingdoms, kings and queens always got the best of everything: the best houses, the best clothing, and the best food.

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Kings did not have to say, "please" and "thank you." They didn't even have to dress themselves--they had servants. Servants are the men and women who take care of the things the king doesn't want to do.

What are Kings and Queens?



Pretty much everything a king or queen used, touched, or owned was called royal. If something is royal, it belongs to a king or queen.

What are Kings and Queens?



The soft, fluffy robes King Richard II wore were the royal robes. The cup he drank from was called the royal cup. And if it was royal, that meant that only the king, queen, or someone in the royal family--such as his daughter (the princess) or his son (the prince)--was allowed to use it.

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King Richard II is holding two things in this picture. In one hand he is holding the royal orb and in the other he is holding the royal scepter. These were ceremonial objects, or things that the king wore or held just to remind people who was in charge.

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That hat he's wearing is called a crown, which is no ordinary hat. Crowns were usually made out of some kind of precious metal, like gold or silver, and decorated with fancy jewels, like rubies and emeralds and sapphires.

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These jewels were called the crown jewels. Like the scepter and the orb, the crown was an important symbol of the king's power. A symbol is something that represents or stands for something else. When people saw the king's crown, they knew that the person who wore it was powerful and important.

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Here's a close up picture of a crown. It's made of gold and loaded with fancy pearls and other jewels. A hat like this would not be good for keeping the sun out of your eyes, and it wouldn't be very good at keeping your head warm, but if you were wearing it, it meant that you were the king or queen, the ruler of a kingdom.

What are Kings and Queens?

A few hundred years ago, it would have been nice to be a king or queen ruling your very own kingdom, making all the rules and laws that people had to follow, but it would have also been very difficult. Kings and queens had big responsibilities.

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Every day, people came to them to ask for money or advice, and every day they had to make important decisions about things that were happening in the kingdom.

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A famous king named Charlemagne was so important that an artist made a stained glass window with his image. Look at his fancy chair.

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The king's chair was called a throne and, as you might imagine, only the king was allowed to sit there. His throne was raised up on a platform so he would appear tall and important, even when he was sitting down.

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What's in his hand? Charlemagne is holding a sword and an orb to remind people that he is the king. Over the next couple of weeks, you will learn more about kingdoms, kings, queens, and everything having to do with royalty.

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is a king? What does a king do?

A KING IS THE male ruler OF a KINGDOM
WHO rules over a LAND and THE PEOPLE
WHO LIVE THERE.

What are Kings and Queens?

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is a queen? What does a queen do?

A queen is the female ruler of a kingdom who rules over a land and the people who live there.

What are Kings and Queens?

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is a kingdom?

A KINGDOM IS THE area OF LAND ruled BY
a KING or a queen

What are Kings and Queens?

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What is a palace?

A PALACE IS THE HOME OF A KING OR
QUEEN AND THEIR FAMILY.

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Comprehension Questions:
Inferential



Tell me about what you see in these pictures.

A THRONE, CROWN, ORB, SWORD, KING

What are Kings and Queens?

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

Are there still kings and queens today?.

Yes, there are STILL KINGS and QUEENS
TODAY, BUT NOT AS MANY AS LONG AGO.

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

What are Kings and Queens?

In the read aloud you heard, “Pretty much everything that a king or queen used, touched, or owned was called **royal**.”

Say the word **royal** with me.

Whisper royal to the ceiling.

Whisper royal to your neighbor.

Let's clap it out.

What are Kings and Queens?

Royal describes anything that belonged to a king or queen.

The queen's jewels are her royal jewels because the jewels belong to the queen.

What are Kings and Queens?

Tell about something else that might be royal.
Try to use the word royal when you tell about it.

“The king’s _____ is royal, because...”
“The queen’s _____ is royal...”

What are Kings and Queens?

*What's the word we have been talking
about?*

Let's clap it out.

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Thumbs Up = Royal

Thumbs Down = Not royal



The king's throne



What are Kings and Queens?



Thumbs Up = Royal

Thumbs Down = Not royal



My sister's coat



What are Kings and Queens?



Thumbs Up = Royal

Thumbs Down = Not royal



The queen's crown





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Thumbs Up = Royal

Thumbs Down = Not royal



The prince's dog



What are Kings and Queens?



Thumbs Up = Royal

Thumbs Down = Not royal



My cousin's necklace



