



# Interest Times

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## Dear Reader!

You are holding the first issue of our school newspaper in English.

We hope you will enjoy reading our articles, and taking part in our contests.

Besides, if you are active, creative and willing to share your ideas with others then join our team!

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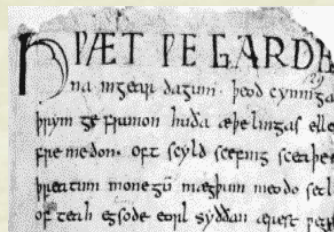
## The History of English

Two thousand years ago the Romans invaded Britain and then stayed there for 400 years. The Britons didn't learn Latin and continued to speak their Celtic language.

The Angles and Saxons came from Germany, and spoke a Germanic language. They invaded Britain and pushed the Celtic speakers into Scotland and Wales.

In 1066 William the Conqueror and the Normans invaded England. They came from Normandy in France, and they

spoke French. At first the two languages were quite separate. The King and the aristocrats spoke French, and the ordinary peo-



Part of *Beowulf*, a poem written in Old English

ple went on speaking Anglo-Saxon. But little by little the languages mixed.

The result was

English. The grammar was mostly Anglo-Saxon, and a lot of words were French.

Several written works have survived from the Old English period. The most famous is a heroic epic poem called "*Beowulf*". It is the oldest known English poem and it is notable for its length - 3,183 lines. Experts say "*Beowulf*" was written in Britain more than one thousand years ago. The name of the person who wrote it is unknown.

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### Vocabulary Interest

## Opposites – Adjectives

Find and write the opposites from the third column into the second one to form pairs of opposites.

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|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1) Generous      | 1)  | 1) Lazy         |
| 2) Permanent     | 2)  | 2) Broad-minded |
| 3) Industrious   | 3)  | 3) Timid        |
| 4) Gigantic      | 4)  | 4) Sudden       |
| 5) Friendly      | 5)  | 5) Mean         |
| 6) Dull          | 6)  | 6) Wonderful    |
| 7) Daring        | 7)  | 7) Hostile      |
| 8) Narrow-minded | 8)  | 8) Temporary    |
| 9) Real          | 9)  | 9) Exciting     |
| 10) Horrible     | 10) | 10) Imaginary   |
| 11) Gradual      | 11) | 11) Minute      |



# The House of Windsor

What is the British Royal Family? A wonderful institution that unites Britain and the Commonwealth? Or an **irrelevant** waste of money? Whatever your point of view, the British Royal family continues to fascinate millions of people around the world. Who hasn't heard of the love triangle between Charles, Diana and Camilla? Or the tragic and mysterious death of Diana in 1997? Like any family, there's plenty of drama, including a few **skeletons in the cupboard**. Here's a guide to some of the key players in the drama of the House of Windsor over the past 100 years.



*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.* The current monarch. Crowned in Westminster Abbey in 1953.



*George V.* The King of England during World War One and grandfather of Queen Elizabeth II.



*Edward VIII* Older brother of George VI. Abdicated to marry Wallis Simpson – a “**commoner**”. This caused a scandal in Britain at the time.



*Prince Philip* Queen Elizabeth's husband. Originally both a Danish and Greek prince. Famous for his outspoken nature and his **gaffes**.

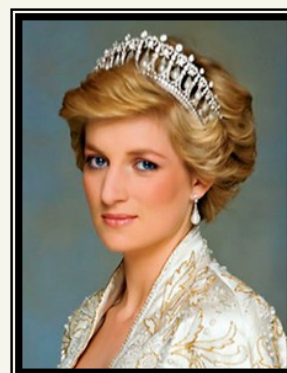


*Andrew.*

The Queen's second son. Was married to Sarah Ferguson.



*Charles* (the Prince of Wales) The **heir** to the throne and first son of Elizabeth II.



*Diana “The Princess of Hearts”.* Diana was Prince Charles' first wife. Died with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed in a car crash in Paris in 1997.



*Anne.* The Queen's only daughter. She is most famous for her charitable work. Married Mark Phillips and had two kids, Peter and Zara. Divorced and remarried Timothy Laurence.





*Sarah Ferguson (Fergie)* Straightforward, redhead once considered a breath of fresh air in the royal family. Ex-wife of Prince Andrew. There are two children from their marriage: Eugenie and Beatrice.



*Edward.* The youngest child of Queen Elizabeth II. Quiet, reserved and with a great interest in the theatre. Married to Sophie Rhys Jones. They have a daughter called Louise.



*Margaret .* The Queen's sister. Extravagant, glamour girl of the fifties and sixties. Died in 2002.



*Wallis Simpson* American socialite who married Edward VIII after he abdi-

*Camilla.* Prince Charles' ex- girlfriend from the sixties and seventies. Now she's his wife.



**Dear reader!**

**Draw the royal family tree and send it to our editor's office. The best work will be published in our next issue!**



*Kate Middleton.* The wife of Prince William. They have a 1 year old son. She became famous for her fashion style and has been placed on numerous "best dressed" lists.

*Harry.* Royal "wild child" and younger brother of William. Harry became the first member of the royal family to reach the South Pole.

**Glossary:**

**irrelevant** *adj* not important or significant to a situation

**a skeleton in the cupboard/closet** *exp* an embarrassing/damaging secret

**a gaffe** *n* something embarrassing that you say or do mistakenly

**an heir** *n* a person who is going to be king/queen

**a commoner** *n* not a member of the royalty or aristocracy

**a breath of fresh air** *n* something new and different

**to abdicate** *vb* to stop being king or queen

**second in line for the throne** *the* second person with a right to become king (if Charles doesn't become



*The Queen mother.* Also called Elizabeth. Wife of George VI. Died in 2002 at the age of 102.



*William.* Oldest child of Diana and Charles, and second in line for the throne. Has his mother's good looks.



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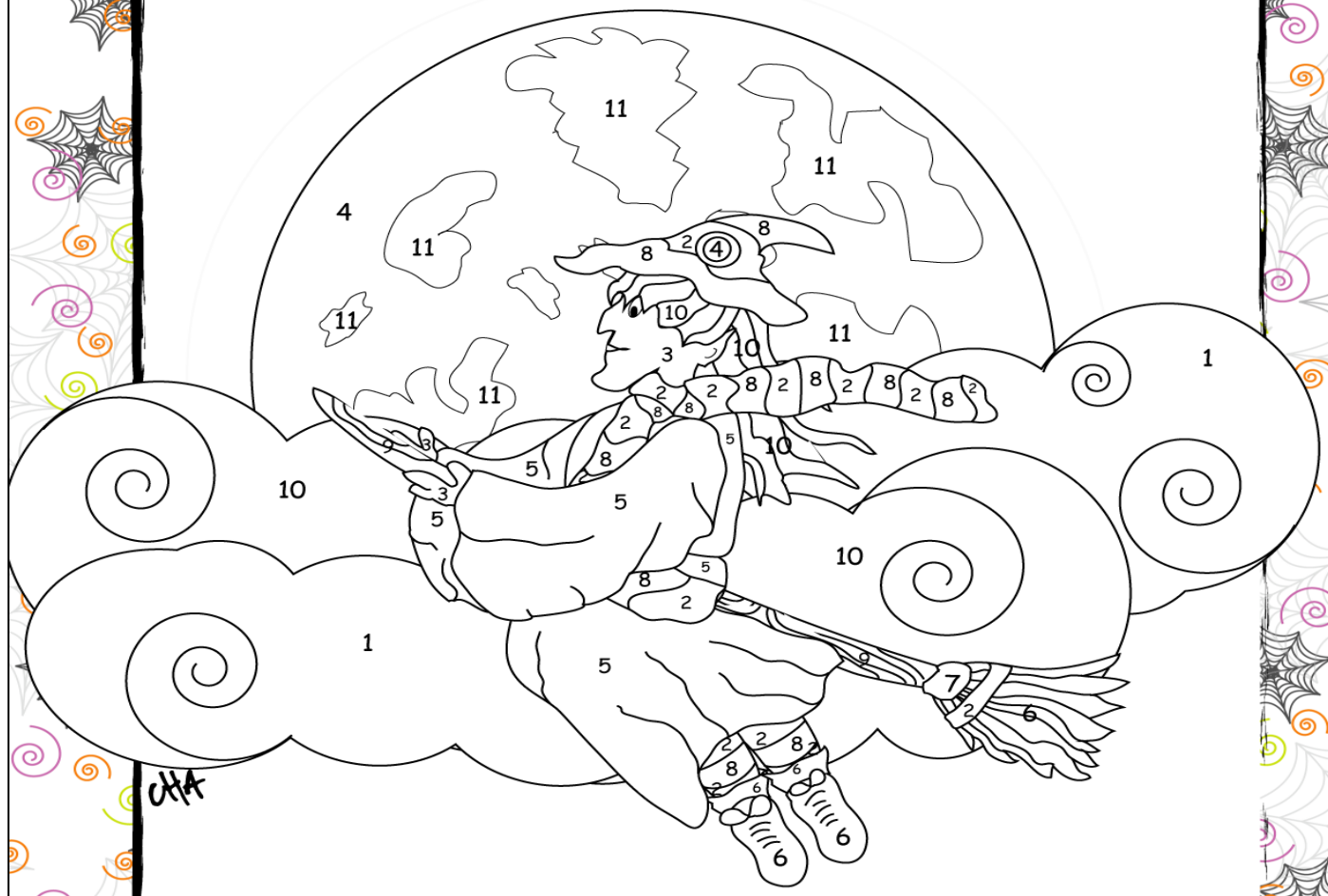
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## Junior Interest

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Green
- 4 Yellow
- 5 Purple
- 6 Light brown
- 7 Red
- 8 Blue
- 9 Brown
- 10 Grey
- 11 Orange

Describe the picture in few lines:

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