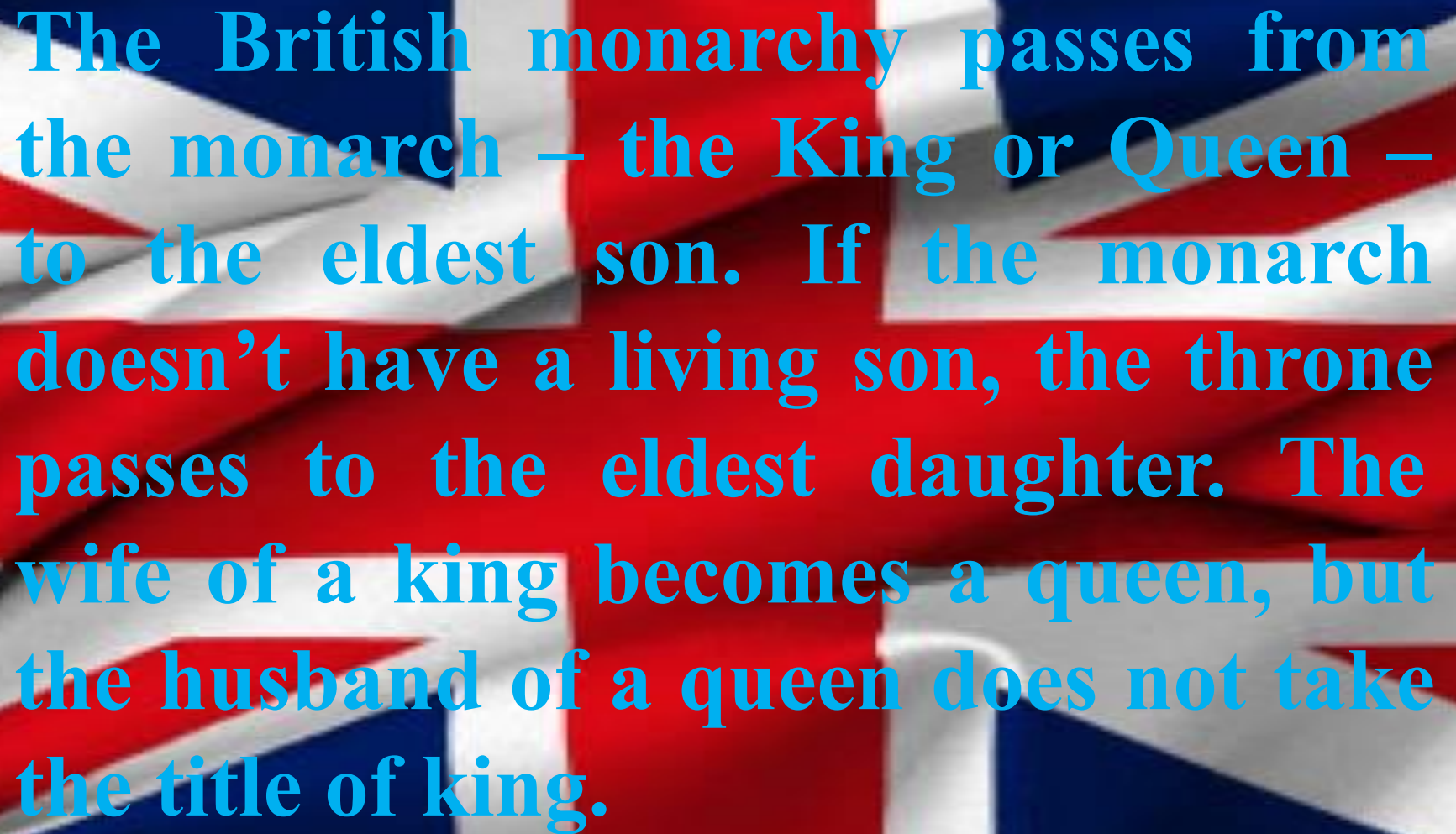


The British Monarchy





The British monarchy passes from the monarch – the King or Queen – to the eldest son. If the monarch doesn't have a living son, the throne passes to the eldest daughter. The wife of a king becomes a queen, but the husband of a queen does not take the title of king.

**Elizabeth II,
the Queen of
the United
Kingdom**



Elizabeth II was born on the 21st of April in 1926 in Windsor.



Elizabeth's parents

Father: the Duke of York (King George VI)

Mother: Mary, the duchess of York



Elizabeth was educated at home, taught to read and write by her parents. She studied Latin, geography, economics, music. She knew foreign languages and spoke French well. She was good at horse riding, dancing, swimming and took part in swimming competitions.



Elizabeth lived with her parents in Windsor and Buckingham Palace.



Young Elizabeth II



Elizabeth made her first speech on the radio in 1940 during the war. She wanted to help the army. She grew vegetables and knitted socks for soldiers.

Princess Elizabeth is changing the wheel of the truck during the war.



Elizabeth married Prince Philip in 1947. She was 21 years old.

And it's their 60th wedding anniversary.



The Queen has four children:

Prince Charles(1948)



Princess Anne(1950)



Prince Andrew(1960)



Prince Edward(1964)



Elizabeth came to the throne in
1952.

She was crowned in Westminster
abbey on the 2nd of June in 1953.









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