

The Crown

Season 4 Episode 2

Warm-up

Answer the questions:

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the words: queen, kings, princes, royal?
2. What do you know about the British Royal family?
3. Do you want to be a member of the Royal family?



Task 1 - Lead-in

Discuss the questions:

1. How does the second episode start? What was its purpose in your opinion?
What goal did the director pursue?
2. Who is coming to visit the Queen and when?
3. What is discussed during the breakfast?
4. Commercial guests – who are they?
5. Did the episode get you rapt from the first minutes?

Task 2 - Homework checking

Explain the words and phrases:

1. to bellow -
2. a stag
3. hence -
4. to give a sermon -
5. to have engagements -
6. a gamekeeper -
7. to eclipse -
8. to fly by -
9. forthcoming -
10. bold -
11. far-reaching plans -
12. a chaperone -



Task 3 - Vocabulary work

Read the sentences and try to find phrases which might be changed with the words from Task 2.

1. It was a brave decision to quit her job and start her own business.
2. He felt called to write to all his fellow investors, warning them of the impending crisis.
3. Kate had an arrangement at a restaurant at eight.
4. She hasn't even noticed how fast her victory was outshone.
5. The company lost a great deal of money. Therefore, the CEO was asked to resign.
6. They really had ambitious and demanding goals.

Task 4 - Vocabulary work

Try to remember how and in what scenes the phrases in Task 2 were used.

Make up your own sentences.



Task 5 - Scenes discussion

Answer the questions (minutes 3:50-7:00):

1. Who can we see at the Opera?
What are they doing? How do they feel?
2. What are the characters' plans for the summer?
3. What is going on between a man and a woman in the scene? What are they like?



Task 6 - Scenes discussion

Discuss the questions. Try to use phrases from Task 2.

1. What do people in the Cabinet say to Thatcher's a new programme? How do they call the Margaret's plans of fiscal correction?
2. How does Thatcher describe the Cabinet's ideas to solve problems?
3. What sermon did her father use to give?
4. What is the infamous Balmoral test?
5. What is U and non-U?
6. What is the protocol sheet?
7. What surprises Thatcher and her husband first at Balmoral Castle?

Task 7 - Scenes discussion

Mark the sentences true/false and explain. Try to use phrases from Task 2.

1. Margaret and Denis came on time for dinner and everything went well from the start.
2. In the mother-queen's opinion commercial hunting is conservation not a business.
3. Margaret had fun in the evening.
4. Stalking was successful and Thatcher did what she was supposed to.

Task 8 - Scenes discussion

Comment on sentences below: find similarities, differences between characters, discuss their relationships/attitude. Try to use phrases from Task 2.

1. Charles and Camilla Parker are together in Scotland.
2. Thatcher and her opinion of the royals.
3. Diana and the Prince of Edinburgh.
4. Diana and Charles and Camilla.
5. Margaret and her Cabinet.
6. Thatcher and the Queen.
7. Charles and Anna.



Task 9 - Cool-down

Discuss the questions:

1. What do you think about the whole episode?
2. What is your opinion of Balmoral test?
3. Should commercial hunting be restricted, forbidden?
4. Can people with different backgrounds and from different classes truly understand each other?



Keys

Task 1.

1. The episode starts with a scene of two men hunting a stag. They hit it but it didn't die, ran away to a neighbour's estate.
We never cross that line - this phrase is mentioned, it might refer to some topics, behaviour, actions which should be done in one particular way, maybe it is related to the Royal family.
2. Margaret Thatcher and her husband are expected in Balmoral Castle at 3 pm the next day.
3. That the wounded imperial stag is in the Crown's territory and it must be hunted in order to put it on the wall in the dining-room.
4. People who pay money and come to hunt to some permitted territories.
5. A student's opinion.

Task 2.

1. to shout in a loud voice, or (of a cow or large animal) to make a loud, deep sound
2. an adult male deer
3. Synonym of "therefore"
4. a part of a Christian church ceremony in which a priest gives a talk on a religious or moral subject, often based on something written in the Bible; a long talk in which someone advises other people how they should behave in order to be better people.
5. To have some plans/arrangements
6. a person whose job is to take care of wild animals and birds that are kept especially for hunting
7. to make another person or thing seem much less important, good, or famous.
8. To pass quickly, as of a moving object or an interval of time: The summer months flew by, leaving us only a few days warm enough for swimming.
9. Happening soon; friendly and helpful, willing to give information or to talk.

Keys

Task 2.

10. not frightened of danger, brave.
11. likely to influence many people or things.
12. (especially in the past) an older person, especially a woman, who stays with and takes care of a younger woman who is not married when she is in public.

Task 3.

1. A bold decision.
2. Forthcoming crisis.
3. Kate had an engagement.
4. Was eclipsed.
5. Therefore > hence
6. Far-reaching goals.

Task 5.

1. Prince Charles and Diana are sitting at the opera and enjoying, Diana seems shy, Charles seems to be interested in Diana.
2. Charles will go to Zimbabwe, then to Scotland; Diana stays in London.
3. Diana is shy, naive, elegant and falling in love with the Prince. Charles is getting more and more interested in Diana.

Task 6.

1. They call it reckless, rash and risky. They call it butchery.
2. Unimaginative, cautious and wet.
3. God needs no faint hearts for his ambassadors.
4. It is when the royal family routinely subjects their guests to secret tests to find out if he or she is acceptable or not.
5. U - upper class, aristocrats; non-U - middle class
6. A list of rules to behave with the royals.
7. That they will have to bedrooms and the maid starting to unpack their clothes.

Keys

Task 7.

1. False, 6 pm - tea time, their dresses were inappropriate and there was some tension in the air.
2. True
3. False, she thought it was waste of time.
4. False, it went awful: wrong dress, wrong words. Thatcher came back to the castle and started working and sat on the wrong chair.

Task 8.

1. No, Charles is calling her and they are discussing that Diana might fit the bill, be a perfect princess with no commitments behind.
2. She thinks that they are boorish, snobbish and patronizing, not ideal. That the country needs fundamental changes.
3. They went on stalking the stag early morning, the reason was to know Diana more, find out if fits the bill. They brought the stag.
4. Diana passed the Balmoral test with flying colours, she likes the prince a lot. Charles is in love with Camilla, but the family wants him to marry Diana. He discusses all this with Camilla, he thinks that Diana is a child.
5. She dissolves the cabinet, gets rid of old and patronising members and creates a new team of like-minded men.
6. They discuss a brand new cabinet. The Queen says that perhaps it was the age why some ministers were culled. But Thatcher explains that it is mostly their background and lack of grit as a consequence of their privilege and entitlement.
7. Anna says how lucky Charles is to stumble upon Diana - so perfect in everything: age, looks, breeding. But Charles wishes he had more time to think and see who Diana really is.