

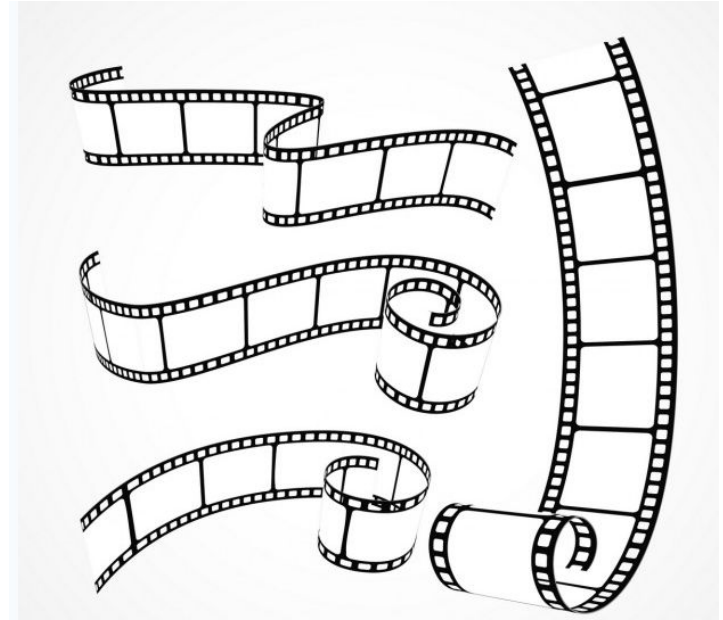
# The Crown

Season 4 Episode 1

# Task 1 - Warm-up

## Discuss the questions.

1. Do you often watch TV shows? Why/why not? What have you seen recently?
2. What genres do you prefer?
3. Why are TV shows getting so popular nowadays?
4. If you were a director, what type of film/TV show would you create?



# Task 2 - The topic of the lesson

Watch [the video](#) and answer the questions:

1. What two women are mentioned in the video and how is it related to our lesson?
2. Why was the video/interview made?



# Task 3 - Homework checking

**Try to explain the words and, if necessary, check the meanings in a dictionary:**

1. self-determination -
2. to be obsessed with -
3. obstinate -
4. a smart cookie -
5. commendable -
6. to infatuate -
7. relentless -
8. surrogate -
9. to dismantle -
10. frail -



# Task 4 - Vocabulary work

## Fill in the gaps using words from Task 1 in a suitable form.

1. Your enthusiasm is highly .....
2. Grace has been.....with that red-haired boy for over two years.
3. Her..... optimism held the team together.
4. Alfred was intensely ambitious, .....the idea of becoming rich.
5. It was sad to see the once-great man looking so.....
6. I don't think you'll succeed in changing his mind - he's very .....
7. He accuses them of trying to ..... the country's legal system.
8. He's a .....and really ought to go far.
9. He could not attend the meeting, so he sent his.....
10. ....allows people to feel that they have control over their choices and lives.

# Task 5

**After watching the episode 1 try to remember how and in what scenes the phrases in Task 3 were used.**

**Make up your own sentences.**



# Task 6

## **Answer the questions:**

1. How does the episode start?
2. What are people talking about during the lunch?
3. How would you describe the building where prince Charles came? Who did he meet there? What did they talk about?
4. How do we meet with Thatcher? What does the Queen say about her?
5. How did the meeting between Thatcher and the Queen go?
6. What are Thatcher and her husband talking about in the living room while Thatcher is ironing?
7. Where did the Royal family arrive?
8. What conversation do we witness between prince Philip and his daughter Anna?
9. What does Charles say to his uncle? What is he doing in Island?
10. What was the explosion about? How did everyone receive the news about the boat explosion?
11. What was said in the letter?
12. What is going on at the racetrack?
13. Who did Charles meet after the race? Who did he talk to on the phone? What about?
14. What does the title of the episode refer to?

# Task 7

**Do you know any information about the people represented in the episode?  
How are the characters described, express your opinion?**

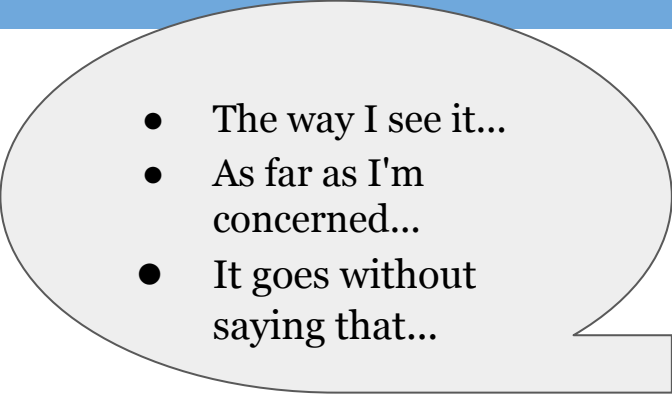


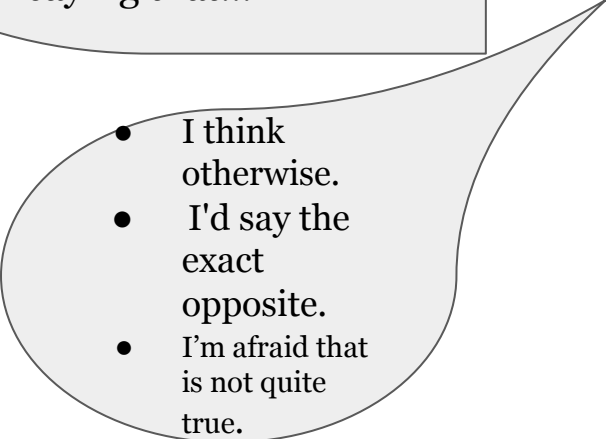


# Task 8

## Discuss the questions:

1. What do you think of “The Crown”?
2. What do you think of the 1st episode season 4?
3. What do you think about members of the royal family involving themselves in affairs of state, the environment or other issues? Should they be allowed to say whatever they think, or should they keep silent in public about such issues?
4. What are the members of the Royal family obsessed with in your opinion (present/past)?
5. Would you like to be a monarch? Why/why not?
6. What female leaders do you know (past/present)? Have they dismantled any rules, systems while ruling?
7. What should leaders do to infatuate the the public?

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# Extra

## Agree/disagree with the statements. Express your opinion using phrases on the right.

1. Women generally tend not to be suited to high office.
2. The presenter Piers Morgan said the [picturesque image](#), which is intended to “make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside”, made him “feel sick to the very pit” of his stomach.
3. Smart cookies are only born in intelligent families.
4. Being obstinate is a good trait for a monarch/king.
5. Many people nowadays are under relentless pressure.

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# Homework

Watch [the video](#) and write its summary:

- Write 100-150 words;
- Give a detailed description;
- Express your opinion about the video.



# Keys

## Task 2

1. Margaret Thatcher and the Queen Elizabeth 2, we are going to discuss the series describing these women's lives to some extent.
2. The video was made to congratulate the Queen with her birthday and Thatcher wishes her the best at the end of the video.

## Task 4

1. Commendable
2. Infatuated
3. Relentless
4. Obsessed with
5. Frail
6. Obstinate
7. Dismantle
8. Smart cookie
9. Surrogate
10. Self-determination

## Task 6

1. The "Gold Stick" opens up with Elizabeth petting a horse in the stables and then proceeding to ride out to crowds — what follows is a rhetoric narration from an IRA leader, coupled with archival footage of chaos in the streets; the IRA want the crown to retreat from Ireland forever. There's a sense of dread that runs through "Gold Stick" — a cloud that edges clearer with each minute.
2. People are talking about Charles (the prince) and his personal life - affairs, girls who dated with. They mentioned Sarah Spencer (Diana's sister) and Camilla Parker Bowles (who is married).
3. The building is great and enormous, looks cosy and magnificent. Charles came to visit Sarah Spencer but he met Diana in the costume of a tree. They talked about the school performance and Diana madly wanted to meet Charles and made up a story about passing the corridor.
4. We meet Thatcher in her room and coming out to the reporters. She is about to be announced as the first female prime-minister. The Queen is excited and looking forward to working with Thatcher. She admires her background: great education and being able to raise two children working as a barrister having changed her major (speciality).

# Keys

5. The meeting goes rather well. Both women show their strength and good will to cooperate. They discuss the first Cabinet. The Queen shares predictions about the ministers and Thatcher says that women tend to be not suited to high office as they get too emotional.
6. They are talking about the audience with the Queen, And Margaret is surprised that the Queen has guessed the Cabinet members correctly and describes her to have a commendable appetite for work. Denis calls the queen a smart cookie.
7. They came to Scotland, Balmoral Castle.
8. They are talking about Anna's personal life and her participation or not in the Olympic Games. She withdrew her candidacy. The father reminds the daughter that she is brilliant, resilient and determined.
9. Charles is salmon fishing with friends in Island. Charles and his uncle are talking about the prince's relationship with Camilla.
10. The explosion was on the boat with Lord Mountbatten. Lord Mountbatten and two others were killed off the coast of Ireland by an IRA-planted bomb ( Irish Republican Army). Everyone is shocked.

11. In the letter Lord Mountbatten chastises the Prince of Wales (Charles) for falling short of his royal expectations. He then twists the knife further by suggesting Charles is on a fast track to repeating the 1936 abdication crisis if he continues sleeping with Camilla. In short, it is now Charles's obligation to find a "sweet and well-tempered girl, with no past."
12. Anna is riding a horse (doing stunts) and performing brilliantly.
13. Charles meets Diana. Then he calls Diana's sister Sarah (now engaged to someone else) and asks about Diana. She says that Diana's London-based career consists of working as her cleaning lady and helping out at a kindergarten. Diana had a childhood nickname "Duch" (short for "Duchess") because she thought that she was destined to greater things. And Charles asks Diana out.
14. The episode title "Gold Stick" comes from one of Lord Mountbatten's numerous honorary positions: Colonel of the Life Guards and Gold Stick in Waiting; a fancy title for a ceremonial bodyguard to the queen.