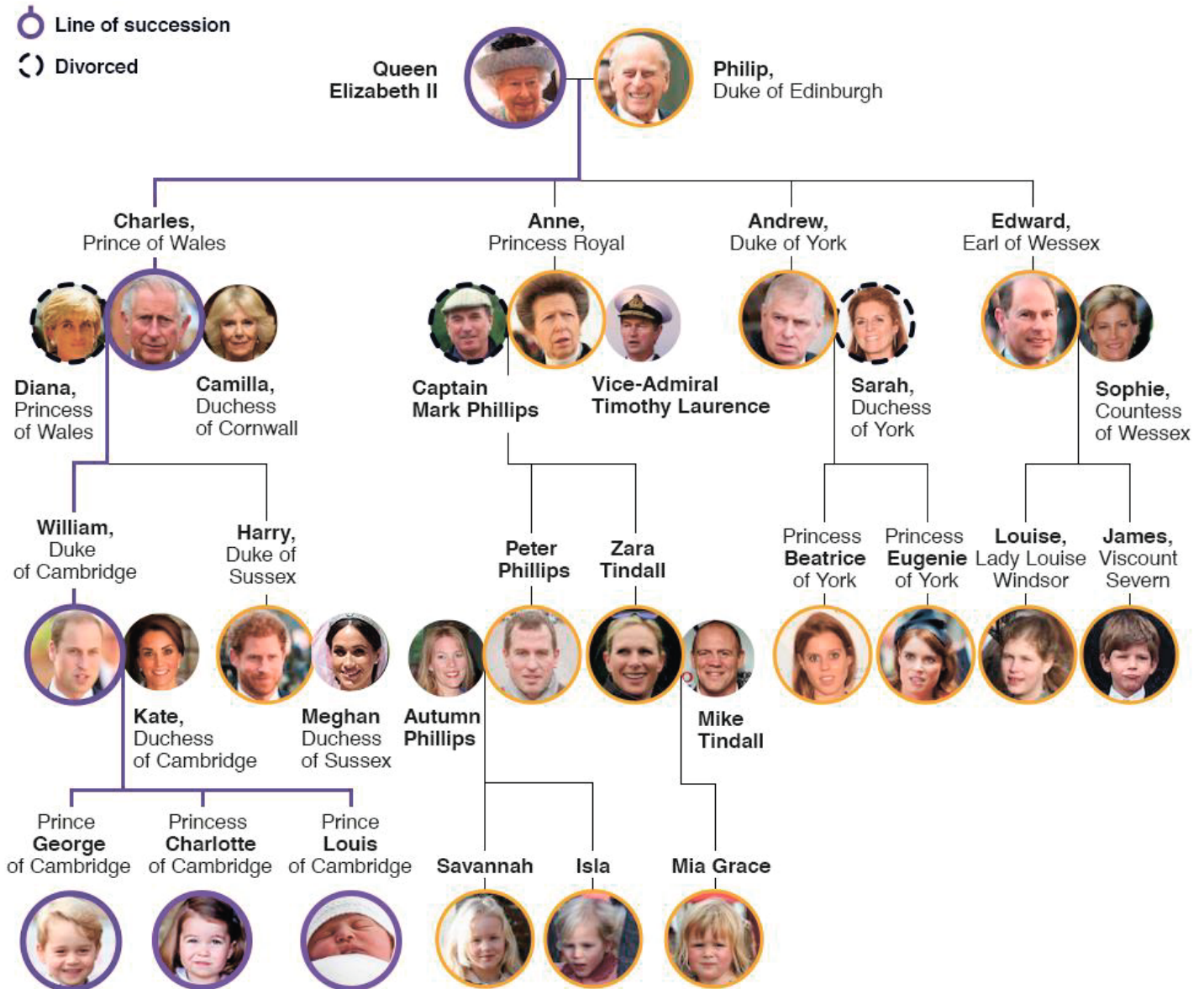


# The Royal Wedding (worksheet)

## Activity 1

What do you know about this family? Discuss with your partner



Who is the new member of this family?

## Activity 2

*Divide the words and phrases into two categories: wedding-related vocabulary and royalty-related vocabulary.*

<u>Wedding</u>	<u>Royalty</u>

A coat of arms, bridesmaids and pageboys, a bishop, a throne, a veil, a diamond bandeau tiara, newlyweds.

## Activity 3

*On 19 May 2018, the wedding of Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle took place at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.*



Watch the [video](#) and check your answers.

**Answer the questions:**

- 1) How many people came to the wedding? Who were they?
- 2) Who was Harry's best man?
- 3) How did Harry feel?
- 4) Which members of Meghan's family accompanied her?
- 5) What was not typical from royal weddings in the UK?

## Activity 4

*Look at the official photos. Describe them.*







## Useful phrases:

### Starting your comparison

- Both of these pictures show ...
- These two pictures depict...
- The two situations in these pictures are...

### Talking about similarities

- These two pictures/situations are similar because/in that...
- In both pictures we can see...
- One similarity between these two pictures/situations is that...
- Another similarity might be that...
- One thing that these two pictures/situations have in common is that...
- The most obvious similarity is that...

### Talking about differences

- One of the most obvious differences (between these two pictures) is that...
- Another difference is that...
- While the first/top picture ..., the second/bottom one...
- The first picture compared to the second one is...
- On the one hand, the first picture shows... . On the other hand, the second one...
- In contrast to... / Compared with ...

## What tradition do you think were broken in Harry and Meghan's photographs?



### Read the text and check your guesses:

The official photos of the royal wedding between Prince Harry, 33, and Meghan Markle, 36, are out. The main wedding photo is a whole family snap with Meghan's mum, the Royal Family and the bridesmaids and pageboys. Harry and Meghan are depicted at the heart of the royal family. Meghan's dress was designed by Clare Waight Keller for Givenchy. The veil represented all 53 Commonwealth Countries, featuring distinctive flora from each country. The veil was held in place by Queen Mary's diamond bandeau tiara, which was lent by The Queen. Meghan's mum is seen standing next to her daughter and beaming with pride. Neither Meghan's father nor any other blood relatives were able to attend the ceremony. To make up for this, the photographer, Alexi Lubomirski, positioned the Duke of Duches of Cambridge next to Meghan's mother so the photograph didn't appear unbalanced. In all other family portraits from previous royal weddings, the groom's family stands on one side with the bride's family on the other. In William and Kate's group portrait with their families, everyone stood up straight aside from Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, who sat in chairs. Harry and Markle's portrait with their families featured members of their bridal party sitting criss-cross applesauce on the floor, with Princess Charlotte in her mother's lap.

Photographer Alexi Lubomirski's black and white shot of the newlyweds cuddling on the steps outside is drastically different than Prince William and Kate Middleton's formal portrait in the palace, both standing upright with her hand placed delicately over his. Because William and Middleton are future monarchs, they have to maintain a more formal appearance — for example, they rarely show public displays of affection. Harry is sixth in line for the throne, so he and Markle have more freedom to be casual and affectionate.

It's one of many ways that Harry and Meghan's wedding was more modern than past royal weddings, a reflection of how their relationship is different than William and Middleton's.

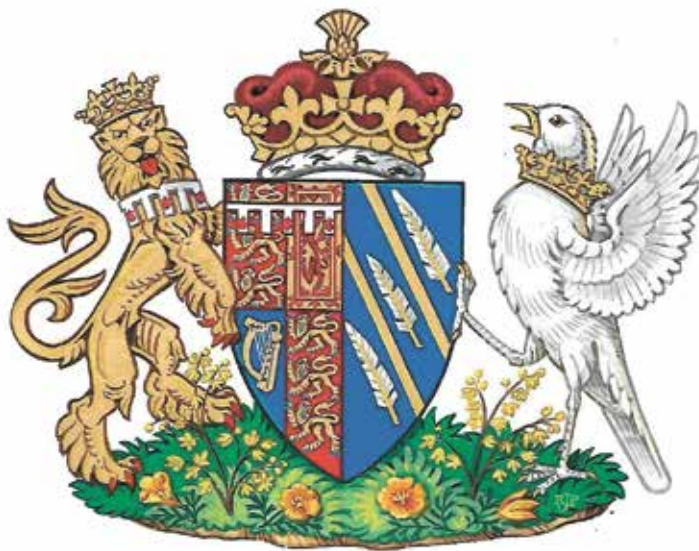
## Activity 5



*Discuss the questions with your partner:*

- 1) What presents were the newlyweds given?
- 2) What presents were the invited guests given?
- 3) How is Meghan's life different after the wedding?

*Look at some rules the royal family must follow. Do you think they are TRUE or FALSE:*



- 1) Members of the royal family can't have a personal social media account.
- 2) Members of the royal family are allowed to give autographs once a year on special occasions.
- 3) They can't express their political opinion in public.
- 4) When becoming a member of the royal family, Meghan can forget about any duties and can just do nothing.

**Watch the [video](#) and check your answers.**



## Homework

*What other traditions were broken? Look at the key words and try to guess:*

The bride -

Day of the week -

Megan's Walk Down the aisle -

A wedding ring -

An American bishop -

The cake -

The music -

*Read the text and check your guesses:*

1) Megan is divorced.

There was a time when a senior royal having a relationship with a divorcee was seen as disastrous. Just 17 years after Edward VIII abdicated in order to marry the twice-divorced Wallis Simpson, Princess Margaret was forced to give up her love affair with Group Captain Peter Townsend. And over half a century later, Prince Charles was able to finally marry his divorced long-term partner Camilla Parker-Bowles because of new ruling from the Church of England, but there was still public conflict surrounding the couple's union. But no more! Meghan has been welcomed into the Royal Family with open arms, and the British public approves of its new princess.

2) Prince Harry and Meghan Markle married on May 19, 2018. The couple's decision to wed on a Saturday went against tradition, as royal weddings usually take place on a weekday. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge wed on a Friday and the Queen on a Thursday. The chosen date fell on the same day as the FA Cup final at Wembley, a match that Prince Harry's best man, the Duke of Cambridge, usually attends as president of the Football Association to present the trophy. The May date may also have been selected in order to give the Duchess of Cambridge time to recover after the birth of her third child, Prince Louis.

### 3) Meghan's Walk Down the Aisle.

The tradition that a bride be walked down the aisle by her father is one that's ages-old—and this tradition still holds true in royal weddings. But not for Meghan. When it came time to walk down the aisle in the ceremony, the stunning bride broke from tradition, choosing to make the first half of the walk alone, and the latter half with her father-in-law, Prince Charles. The switch is tradition-breaking, and a bold move that held feminist undertones. Moreover, traditionally in British weddings, the groom doesn't watch the bride walk up the aisle. However, Prince Harry couldn't resist watching Meghan enter St. George's Chapel, and walk to the altar with Prince Charles.

### 4) Prince Harry wears a wedding ring.

Unlike his grandfather, Prince Philip, and his brother, Prince William, Prince Harry has decided to wear a wedding ring, breaking with family tradition. In the royal family, wedding rings are usually made out of Welsh gold. While Meghan now wears a gold wedding band, Harry has selected a platinum band, breaking with tradition yet again.

### 5) It's the first time an American Bishop has spoken at a royal wedding.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry delivered an emotional sermon to the wedding guests, and quoted Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King saying, "We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love, and when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world."

### 6) The Cake

For centuries, it's been British tradition for guests to receive a slice of the royal wedding cake as a wedding favor. Meghan and Prince Harry, however, opted out of this tradition. Their lemon-and-elderflower cake with buttercream icing was baked by Claire Ptak, of Violet bakery—an American, not a British, baker based in London

### 7) The modern and unique music selections.

Rather than relying on traditional organ music for the wedding, Harry and Meghan selected some personal, and unexpected, pieces of music for their nuptials. As CNN reports, "the rich tones of the cello played by award-winning young musician Sheku Kanneh-Mason again emphasized the couple's desire to break the mold. The ceremony ended with the Etta James version of 'Amen/This Little Light of Mine,' a gospel song that became synonymous with the US civil rights movement."

### 8) A very star-studded guest list

There is often a smattering of familiar faces at a royal wedding, but Harry and Megan's big day was filled with a who's who of celebrities from both side of the Atlantic, including George and Amal Clooney, Oprah Winfrey, Idris Elba, Tom Hardy, Serena Williams, David and Victoria Beckham, James Corden, Carey Mulligan and Marcus Mumford, and the cast of Suits.