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I hope you had a good, relaxing weekend. All of your tests finished last week so I hope you were able to take a break and get it all out of your mind¹ for a few days. Study is obviously² important but so is rest and relaxation. People underestimate³ how much damage⁴ we can do to our bodies if we don't make time to rest. Studies have shown that a lack of sleep⁵ can actually hamper⁶ your ability to memorize⁷ things. Burning the candle at both ends⁸ is not necessarily a good thing.

Something You Don't Know (Queen Elizabeth II⁹)

1. The Queen of England doesn't have a passport. She doesn't need one. All British passports allow citizens¹⁰ of Britain to travel abroad in the Queen's name¹¹. The Queen cannot travel in her own name so she doesn't need a passport.
2. Queen Elizabeth can trace her family¹² to King Alfred the Great who was born in 849.
3. The Queen's husband, Prince Philip, is a prince¹³ and not a king. When a man is king his wife becomes queen but when a woman is queen her husband doesn't become king.
4. The Queen has an art collection¹⁴ that has over 200,000 paintings and pictures. The collection is valued at¹⁵ over £10 billion¹⁶.
5. The Queen has paid tax¹⁷ since 1993. She is taxed at 40%.

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

This is a normal week but then we have a five day holiday! Yeah! Silver week! I love it!!

News

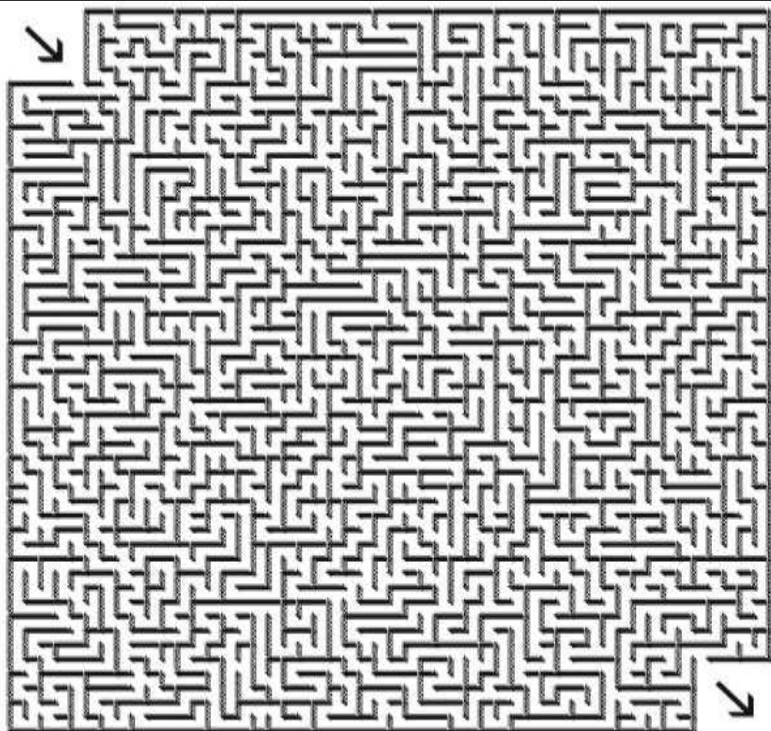
Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest reigning British monarch

Last Wednesday, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch¹⁸ in British history¹⁹ when she passed her great-great-grandmother²⁰, Queen Victoria²¹, who had been queen for 23,226 days. Queen Elizabeth is 89 years old now.



Queen Victoria became queen in 1837, when she was 18 years old and reigned²² until she died in 1901. Queen Elizabeth was 23 when she was crowned²³ in 1953. During her reign there have been 12 UK prime ministers²⁴ and 12 American presidents. She has met 11 of the presidents.

How long will Queen Elizabeth reign for? Her mother lived to be 101 so it is anybody's guess²⁵. Her son, Prince Charles, is probably hoping that she won't hold the throne²⁶ for too much longer because he, at 66 years old, may be in line²⁷ to be one of the shortest reigning monarchs²⁸!



- 1.Out of your mind 考えない 2.Obviously 明らかに 3.Underestimate 過小評価する 4.Damage 被害 5.Lack of sleep 睡眠不足 6.Hamper の妨げになる 7.Memorize 暗記する 8.Burn the candle at both ends 朝から晩まで忙しく動き回る 9.Queen Elizabeth II エリザベス 2 世号 10.Citizen 国民 11.In ~'s name~ の名において 12.Trace her family 家系をたどる 13.Prince 王子 14.Art collection 美術収集 15.Valued at~の値段が付けられている 16.£10 billion 1,863,208,991,100 円 17.Pay tax 税金を払う 18.The longest reigning monarch 史上最長在位の王 19.British history 英国歴 20.Great-great-grandmother 高祖母 21.Queen Victoria ビクトリア女王 22.Reign 君臨する 23.Crown 王になる 24.Prime minister 総理大臣 25. Anybody's guess 誰にもわからない 26.Hold the throne 王位に就く 27.In line 位継承順位 28.The shortest reigning monarch 史上最短在位の王