Video zone – The story of the Imperial State Crown

Tasks

Instructions
Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task
Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary	**Definition**
1. …… a coronation	a. a group of politicians who make decisions for their country
2. …… a monarch	b. something difficult to control because it is big or complicated
3. …… an opening	c. not moving
4. …… parliament	d. a formal expression of ideas, which a speaker tells an audience
5. …… unwieldy	e. a ceremony in which the new king or queen wears the crown for the first time
6. …… still	
7. …… a speech	f. a royal leader (like a queen, a king or an emperor)
8. …… otherwise	g. an event which celebrates the start of a new period or project
	h. a word which expresses contrast, meaning 'apart from that' or 'in a different way'

Task 1 – True or false?
Are the sentences are true or false?

	Answers	
1. The Queen has only worn the Imperial State Crown once.	*True*	*False*
2. The Queen's crown is bigger than the one her father wore.	*True*	*False*
3. The Queen's father had a similar head to her.	*True*	*False*
4. The crown has an interior item to attach it to the Queen's head.	*True*	*False*
5. When wearing the crown, it is impossible to read a prepared speech.	*True*	*False*
6. The Queen admits that crowns have some negative aspects.	*True*	*False*

Task 2

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

heavy	neck	once
otherwise	shaped	still

1. The Queen has only worn St Edward's gold crown ……….………. .
2. It's difficult to remember that diamonds are stones, so very ……….………. .
3. My father and I have about the same sort of ……….………. head.
4. You have to keep your head very ……….………. .
5. You have to take the speech up because if you looked down, your …………….. could break!
6. There are some disadvantages to crowns, but ……….………. they're quite important things.

Discussion

Can you describe a real or fictional monarch?

Answers

Preparation

1. e
2. f
3. g
4. a
5. b
6. c
7. d
8. h

Task 1

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True

Task 2

1. once
2. heavy
3. shaped
4. still
5. neck
6. otherwise