The Crown Jewels Family Trail

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Discover how you become a King or Queen.





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Show off your royal power

Welcome princes and princesses! You are going to be monarch one day so you will have to look the part and have all the essential items. Find out what they are by looking at the portraits in this room showing some of the kings and queens from the last 1,000 years.

Can you find... Harold II and Elizabeth II? What three things are they both wearing and holding? Tick the boxes below when you find them. Monarchs wear these symbolic objects to display their power; they are not just royal bling!

The orb

When the monarch holds the orb they are recognising that God is more powerful than them.

- the cross symbolises God's power over the world
- the circular globe symbolises the world



I found the orb

The sceptre

The sceptre symbolises military leadership and the monarch's role in taking care of their subjects (you and me).



I found the sceptre

The crown The crown is the ultimate symbol of royal leadership.

I found the crown

Can you find... some more royal symbols in the film in the next room, as it tells you about the history and importance of the Crown Jewels.

Be warned!

You may have enemies! You are now in an eerie passageway. It is dark and gloomy because in 1649 a shocking thing happened... the Crown Jewels were destroyed! Here's how it happened:

Guess who's back?

Parliament was not very good at running the country on its own and the people decided they wanted the King back.

So in 1661 Charles I's son became King Charles II (which means that you are still in line for the throne).



Coronation

Join the magical procession in this room as it travels through time to the coronation of the present Queen Elizabeth II. Imagine what clothes you would wear...

Have a look at the film of Queen Elizabeth II being crowned. Here you can see how the Crown Jewels are actually used! The monarch also makes some important promises in the Coronation Oath. What would you promise to do as monarch?

As you move to the next room, look at some of the objects previously used for coronation processions. Can you hear the trumpets playing?



Keep your crown safe!

Your crown is covered in diamonds so you need to keep it safe in a vault. Look at how massive the doors are!

Can you measure the thickness with your arm? They are extremely heavy and weigh as much as an elephant or a small car!



The Regalia

Inside the vault are the actual objects used during the coronation ceremony. They are called the regalia, because they are used to symbolically give royal power to the new monarch (that is you!).



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Choose your crown

Stand on the balcony and discover what is in each case, this will make it easier for you to decide which crown would be best for you.



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Coronation banquet

We're going to celebrate your coronation by having a big feast! The objects in the long case on the right are no longer used but would once have been on display during the banquet. What food will you serve?

Can you find... the Grand Punch Bowl. What animals can you find crawling along its sides?

I found the Grand Punch Bowl

Imperial State Crown

You may recognise this crown, as it is the one that the Queen wears most often for important events like the State Opening of Parliament. It is set with over 3,000 gems!

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Pack up your jewels

As monarch you are going to have many duties to perform around the country, so you are going to need special cases to transport the Crown Jewels in.



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Make your own crown!



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Have a go at making your own crown when you get home! Think about the different materials you could make it from. Try designing it first here:

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Hints and tips:

- How many arches will it have?
- What gems will you use?
- Make sure you show off your royal power!

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