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Episode 60:

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00:00	<p>Welcome to <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i>, THE podcast for intermediate, French-speaking learners of English. If you would like to improve your English comprehension skills, you have come to the right place. This podcast is like a steppingstone (<i>un tremplin</i>) which will help you understand more advanced materials in English. There is a transcript (<i>une transcription</i>) available for this and every episode of this podcast. You can download the transcript in the description of this episode, or go to www.declicananglais.com/podcast.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
01:02	<p>Hello everyone, this is Tom your teacher from Déclic Anglais. Today's episode is a spontaneous one, not at all what I originally had planned. I am sure that you are all aware, that last Thursday, 8th September 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died. She was 96 years old, and the longest reigning monarch of the United Kingdom (<i>le Royaume-Uni</i>). Perhaps you remember from previous episodes of <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i>, that earlier this year the United Kingdom and some other countries of the Commonwealth, celebrated the Queen's platinum jubilee – 70 years on the throne.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
02:04	<p>Despite (<i>malgré</i>) her advanced age, the Queen remained relatively active right to the end of her life. Naturally, as she became older, she delegated (<i>délégué</i>) some of her responsibilities to other, younger members of the Royal Family.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

02:32	<p>The Queen's health took a turn for the worse (<i>s'est dégradé</i>) it took a turn for the worse over the summer. Finally, in the late afternoon of Thursday, 8th September, Queen Elizabeth II peacefully passed away (<i>la reine est décédée paisiblement</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:00	<p>So, what now? What will be the next step? Well, the heir to the throne, Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales (<i>en français : Charles de Galles</i>), has become the King. He is no longer "Prince Charles the Prince of Wales". On the 8th September, he automatically became King Charles III. This was officially declared over the last weekend. However, the official coronation ceremony will not take place for a few more weeks. When one monarch dies it is considered respectful to wait for a short time before crowning the new one.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:51	<p>The death of the Queen has triggered (<i>a déclanché</i>) three Operations. No, not operations like a medical operation, but three operations that will take care of the Queen's funeral plans and the coronation plans for the new King: Charles III.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

04:17	<p>The first operation is Operation London Bridge. Operation London Bridge is a codename for the funeral plan of Queen Elizabeth II. It allows the British government and other public institutions to implement the plans surrounding the Queen's death. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The announcement of Her Majesty's death to the public,The period of official mourning (<i>le deuil officiel</i>), official mourning, <p>And the funeral plans, including public ceremonies.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:00	<p>Operation London Bridge is running concurrently, or simultaneously, with two other operations:</p> <p>Operation Unicorn (<i>licorne</i>), and Operation Spring Tide.</p> <p>Operation Unicorn is the set of plans for where the Queen dies in Scotland. This was indeed the case, as Her Majesty died at her estate in Balmoral, near Aberdeen, Scotland. And finally, there is Operation Spring Tide. This will see King Charles III officially crowned King of the United Kingdom.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

<p>05:44</p>	<p>So, as I mentioned earlier, the Queen passed away, she died in Balmoral castle, her residence in Scotland. As a result, the current plans are for the Queen’s body to first travel to Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland. Afterwards, she will be transported to her final resting place in London. Before her official funeral (<i>son enterrement</i>), the Queen’s body is to be taken to London, where she will lie in state. To lie in state means that her coffin (<i>son cercueil</i>) her coffin will be displayed to the public. She will lie in state (she will be on public display) in the Palace of Westminster, which also houses the UK parliament. Here, the public will be allowed to pay their final respects to the Queen.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>06:50</p>	<p>The last member of the Royal Family to lie in state in Westminster Palace was the Queen Mother in 2002. Over 200,000 people waited to pay their respects. I think that for the Queen herself, we can expect far more than 200,000 people who will want to visit her.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>07:14</p>	<p>As for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, Buckingham Palace has announced that it will take place a little later this month, on Monday, 19th September 2022. The funeral will be televised and is expected to be watched by millions and millions of people around the world.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

07:40	<p>So, what will change in the Royal Family? Obviously, Prince Charles is now King Charles. His wife Camilla is now Camilla, Queen consort of the United Kingdom. (That would be a very long name to write on a letter, wouldn't it?)</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
08:03	<p>So, what about titles? We all know that royals love titles. Well, before becoming King, Charles was the Prince of Wales (<i>Prince de Galles</i>). And this title is always reserved for the eldest child (<i>l'aîné</i>) of the British monarch. So, now Prince William and his wife Catherine, they are automatically Prince and Princess of Wales? Right?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
08:38	<p>Well, as a matter of fact, the monarch, King Charles has no obligation to give this title to anyone. But during his first speech as King last Friday, King Charles did say that Prince William and Catherine are now Prince and Princess of Wales.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

09:03	<p>And, what about the money? All British money has an image of the Queen. Those will need to be changed, too. But, there's really no rush, it's really not urgent, there's no rush. Actually, when Queen Elizabeth was crowned in 1952, the first banknotes (<i>les billets d'argent</i>) and coins (<i>les pieces d'argent</i>) bearing her image did not appear until one year later. So, we will not see any new money until well into 2023 at the earliest.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
09:51	<p>How about the British public? How do people feel about the Queen's passing, about her death? Queen Elizabeth II was very popular. Even people who are not necessarily pro-monarchy had a lot of respect for her. She has been a constant figure for British people for the last 70 years. Many people have expressed how strange it will be that this person is now gone. I also share this feeling. It feels very strange to think that the Queen is no longer with us.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
10:34	<p>So, the passing of the Queen also raises a lot of questions regarding the future of the monarchy. As you may know already, King Charles is not just the king of the United Kingdom, he is also king of 14 other countries around the world.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

10:56	<p>These 14 countries were once a part of the British Empire, and include: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea (<i>Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée</i>), Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
11:26	<p>This does not mean that these countries are still British colonies, no. Today, all of these countries are independent. But these 14 countries decided to keep the British monarch as their Head of State (<i>chef d'état</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
11:48	<p>Until 2021, Barbados also had the British monarch as Head of State. But following a referendum, Barbados became a republic, removing the British monarch as their Head of State. Barbados is not the only country to seriously consider forming a republic. The debate to form republics is very active in Jamaica and Australia. The reign of King Charles III may well see more countries becoming republics, but time will tell.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

12:32 So, dear listeners, if you would like to know more about the role of the British monarchy in everyday British society, I recommend you listen to episode 43 of this podcast: What Does Queen Elizabeth II Do?
Hmm, perhaps I should update that episode now, seeing as Her Majesty is no longer with us.

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Thank you for listening, and I look forward to seeing you for our next episode, which I hope will have a happier subject.
Have a great week, everyone! Bye for now.

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