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| 00:00 | <p>Welcome to the Déclic Anglais Podcast, THE podcast for intermediate, French-speaking learners of English. This podcast is like a steppingstone (<i>un tremplin</i>) to 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 for free from the link in the description of this episode. Or go to <a href="http://www.declicanglais.com/podcast">www.declicanglais.com/podcast</a>.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |
| 01:06 | <p>Hello, dear listeners, and welcome to this episode of <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast</i>. I'm Tom, your host and guide to the English language. This month, November 2025 King Charles III, celebrates his birthday. And so, in this special royal episode, we will explore the life of His Majesty the King.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 01:45 | <p>Charles Philip Arthur George was born on November 14, 1948. That means that this month (November 2025) he's turning 77 years old! He was born during the reign of his grandfather, King George VI. When Charles was just three years old, his mother Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II, making young Charles the heir apparent (<i>l'héritier présomptif</i>) – that is, the first in line to the throne.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                 |

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| 02:42 | <p>Now, as many of you may know already, Charles is not just the king of the United Kingdom. He is also the king of 14 other countries, called the Commonwealth Realms. Today, these are independent countries, but which have decided to keep the British monarch as their Head of State (<i>Les Commonwealth Realms sont des pays indépendants qui ont décidé de conserver le monarque britannique comme chef d'État</i>).</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 03:28 | <p>The Commonwealth Realms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antigua and Barbuda,</li><li>• Australia,</li><li>• The Bahamas,</li><li>• Belize,</li><li>• Canada,</li><li>• Grenada,</li><li>• Jamaica,</li><li>• New Zealand,</li><li>• Papua New Guinea,</li><li>• Saint Kitts and Nevis,</li><li>• Saint Lucia,</li><li>• Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,</li><li>• the Solomon Islands,</li><li>• and finally, Tuvalu.</li></ul> <p><i>(N'oubliez pas que ces pays sont indépendants et disposent de leurs propres gouvernements démocratiquement élus. Le rôle du roi Charles est cérémoniel. Ni lui ni le gouvernement britannique ne sont autorisés à interférer dans les affaires de ces pays).</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |

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| 04:15 | <p>Alright, so today Charles is “King Charles”. But let's talk about an important title Charles held for most of his life: The Prince of Wales (<i>Le Prince de Galles</i>).</p> <p>This special title has been given to the heir to the English (and later British) throne since 1301. (<i>Avant la Révolution française, l'équivalent français était « le Dauphin »</i>).</p> <p>You do not automatically get this title – the monarch must officially grant this title.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                |
| 05:10 | <p>Queen Elizabeth gave Charles this title in 1958. It was made official years later during a ceremony called an investiture. The ceremony took place in 1969, at Caernarfon Castle in Wales (<i>le château de Caernarfon au Pays de Galles</i>), when Charles was 20 years old. If you have watched the Netflix series <i>The Crown</i>, you may remember the episode of Charles' investiture. He even learned to speak Welsh for the ceremony and studied Welsh culture and history. Today, his son William is the new Prince of Wales.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |
| 06:07 | <p>Now, let's explore Charles' education. Charles attended school at Gordonstoun in Scotland. This broke royal tradition, as previous heirs were all educated at home by private tutors in the royal palaces. He later studied at Cambridge University, making history as the first heir to earn a university degree. He studied archaeology, anthropology, and history.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 06:47 | <p>One of the most memorable events Charles' life was his marriage to Lady Diana Spencer, the Princess of Wales. Many of you listeners might even remember the glamorous wedding ceremony in 1981! (<i>Beaucoup d'entre vous, se souviennent peut-être encore de ce mariage fastueux en 1981 !</i>) Unfortunately, the marriage did not succeed and caused a lot of controversy. It's a very long and complicated story, with a very unhappy ending.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                            |
| 07:32 | <p>Charles and Diana ultimately divorced in 1996. But their marriage produced two princes: Prince William (the current Prince of Wales and future king) and Prince Harry. Charles later married Camilla Parker Bowles in 2005, who is now Queen Camilla.</p> <p>I can tell you, dear listeners, that for me as a British person, it is very strange today to hear the media talk about "the Queen" when they refer to Camilla! Not because I personally have something against Queen Camilla, but because the title "Her Majesty the Queen" referred to Queen Elizabeth for so long - 70 years!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |
| 08:30 | <p>Now in his 70s, King Charles is a devoted grandfather to five grandchildren. William and Catherine (<i>the Prince and Princess of Wales</i>), have three children: Prince George, who is second in line to the throne, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis. King Charles' younger son, Prince Harry and his wife Meghan have two children: Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet. They currently live in the USA.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 09:08 | <p>When Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Charles immediately became king. The British monarchy never has a gap between two monarchs (<i>il n'y a jamais de période d'interruption entre deux monarques britannique</i>) – the moment one monarch dies, the heir immediately becomes the new monarch.</p> <p>When Queen Elizabeth II died, the famous sentence was pronounced: “The Queen is dead, long live the King!” (<i>La reine est morte, vive le roi !</i>)</p> <p>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:00 | <p>Now, let's talk about Charles's charitable work (<i>ses activités caritatives</i>), which is really impressive. In 1976, when he was still the Prince of Wales, Charles founded the <i>The Prince's Trust</i>, an organisation which helps vulnerable young people keep their lives on track (<i>The Prince's Trust est une organisation qui aide les jeunes vulnérables à rester sur la bonne voie</i>). Since becoming king, the organisation is now called <i>The King's Trust</i>. <i>The King's Trust</i> has helped over a million young people find jobs, start businesses, or get education. It runs training programmes, provides financial support, and generally just helps young people turn their lives around.</p> <p>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</p> |
| 11:20 | <p>Back in 1976, Charles used his navy severance pay to start this charity! (<i>Charles a utilisé son indemnité de départ de la marine pour créer cette organisation caritative</i>). But that's just one of his many projects.</p> <p>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 11:45 | <p>Charles also created Duchy Originals, now known as Waitrose Duchy Organic, which sells organic food products (<i>des produits alimentaires biologiques</i>), for example fruit and vegetables, eggs and milk. All profits made by Duchy Organic go to the King Charles III Charitable Fund. He started this company because he believed in organic farming long before it became popular.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                  |
| 12:30 | <p>King Charles III has long been known as someone who is passionate about the environment and conservation. He has converted the gardens at Highgrove House, his private residence, into a completely organic space. He even runs his car on fuel made from surplus English white wine! (<i>Il fait même rouler sa voiture avec du carburant fabriqué à partir de surplus de vin blanc anglais</i>).</p> <p><i>Et non, ce n'est pas parce que le vin blanc anglais a un goût d'éthanol !</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |
| 13:22 | <p>As king, Charles has to be politically neutral. The British monarch is not allowed to be a member of a political party, or express preference for one politician over another. King Charles must therefore continue his environmental work in careful ways. He opened the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow and regularly hosts environmental experts at Buckingham Palace.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                              |

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| 14:01 | <p>For the last 200 years, the role of the monarch has mostly been ceremonial in the United Kingdom. For example, Charles cannot create laws, and he cannot change Britain's political institutions. The role of the monarch is more of a figurehead (<i>une sorte de prête-nom</i>), a central monarch who unifies the country. The monarchy has faced a lot of criticism for being old-fashioned, out-of-date, and out of touch with everyday people. Queen Elizabeth did a lot to modernise the monarchy, to keep it relevant in the modern world. And now that task has been passed on to her son King Charles.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |
| 15:01 | <p>Charles has said that he would like to do more than just the constitutional duties as monarch. He doesn't want to just be there to open parliament and wave from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. So far, he has spoken openly about many humanitarian issues, the environment, and he has been more transparent about how the monarchy is funded. Time will tell if his efforts preserve the monarchy in a changing world.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 15:43 | <p>That's all for today's episode! I hope that you have enjoyed learning about Charles' journey from Prince of Wales to King, his family life, and his work for charitable causes.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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| 16:00 | <p>If you enjoyed this episode, don't forget to leave us a like or leave us a nice comment. This allows us to reach as many people as possible. And why not check out <i>The Décl'ic Anglais Club</i>, our online learning platform? The <i>Décl'ic Anglais Club</i> is where we take episodes like this one and transform them into interactive lessons.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p> |
| 16:32 | <p>You can improve your reading and listening comprehension, you can even practice your writing with our dictation and translation exercises. If you're interested, just go to <a href="http://www.declicanglais.com">www.declicanglais.com</a> for more information.</p> <p>Have a lovely day, dear listeners! See you next time. Bye for now.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>           |

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