



Lesson 1. Monarch

EXTRAORDINARY ETYMOLOGY

The word *monarch* comes from an ancient Greek word that meant 'one that rules alone'. This meaning becomes obvious when you break the word down. The prefix *mono* indicates one, and *arch* is a Greek root word meaning 'chief or ruler'. Many countries, including the UK, still have a *monarchy*, however, they are generally a hereditary sovereign with limited powers. The title *monarch* was more fitting for kings and queens of the past, who could literally rule and make decisions completely alone. They didn't need to check with governments or their people, if you disagreed you could be hung, drawn and quartered.

The opposite of a *monarchy* is a republic, where supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives. Many countries change their name when they are freed from unwanted rulers, such as, The Republic of Congo and the Czech Republic.



republic		A person with supreme authority.
sovereign		Passed down, inherited through the family.
elected		A state without a monarchy.
hereditary		To decide or choose, to vote for.

Task 1. Write out the word *monarch* in the spaces provided.

Task 2. Define the word *monarch*.

Definition _____

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Task 3. Crowning Glory. Match the words to the images.

monarch, monarchy, anti-monarchist, monarchist

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Task 4. Should the UK abolish the monarchy? Give a reason to support your opinion.

In my opinion _____

