

# Answers

1. On what date was Queen Elizabeth born?  
**Queen Elizabeth was born on 21st April, 1926.**
2. Which month is The Queen's actual birthday and which month is The Queen's official birthday?  
**The Queen's actual birthday is in April and the official birthday is in June.**
3. Which queen did Queen Elizabeth II pass as longest reigning British monarch in September 2015? What relation was that queen to Queen Elizabeth II?  
**Queen Elizabeth II passed Queen Victoria as longest reigning British monarch. Queen Victoria was Queen Elizabeth's great-great grandmother.**
4. Why does The Queen celebrate two birthdays?  
**The Queen celebrates two birthdays after George II thought it would be too cold in November to parade on his birthday, so he celebrated it as part of the spring Trooping the Colour parade. The tradition has continued ever since.**
5. Why do you think The Queen's birthday celebrations were changed from a Thursday to a Saturday?  
**I think The Queen's birthday celebrations were changed from a Thursday to a Saturday so that more people could take part in the celebrations, as Thursday is a working day.**
6. What are the three main locations for the Trooping the Colour parade? List them here.  
**The three main locations for the Trooping the Colour parade are Buckingham Palace, the Mall and Horse Guards Parade.**
7. Do you think there would be any disadvantages to having two birthdays? Give reasons for your answers.  
**I think it may be expensive to celebrate two birthdays if you have to hold two parties – especially if you have party bags for everyone!**
8. Why do you think The Queen continued with the parade after she was shot at in 1981?  
**I think The Queen continued with the parade because even though she must have been frightened by the gunshots, she wasn't hurt and if she had stopped the parade, then a lot of people who had come out to see it would have been disappointed.**
9. What are the titles called that separate each part of the fact file?  
**The titles that separate each part of the fact file are called sub-headings.**
10. If you had to organise The Queen's birthday celebrations, plan three activities that she may enjoy. Give reasons for your choices.  
**Various responses which could include appropriate activities for a senior citizen, like a picnic, a riverboat trip, a visit to the seaside, a day in the countryside, etc.**