



AB: Listening 'The Commonwealth'

English Listening R, E 6

Why Queen Elizabeth II was the queen of 15 countries

① Watch the video and work on the following tasks.

part 1: 00:00 - 01:14



② On November 30, 2021, Barbados...

- ☐ became a British colony again
- ☐ became the world's newest republic
- ☐ joined the United Kingdom

③ Who attended the ceremony in Barbados?

- ☐ Queen Elizabeth II
- ☐ Prince William
- ☐ Prince Charles

④ Are the statements true or false?

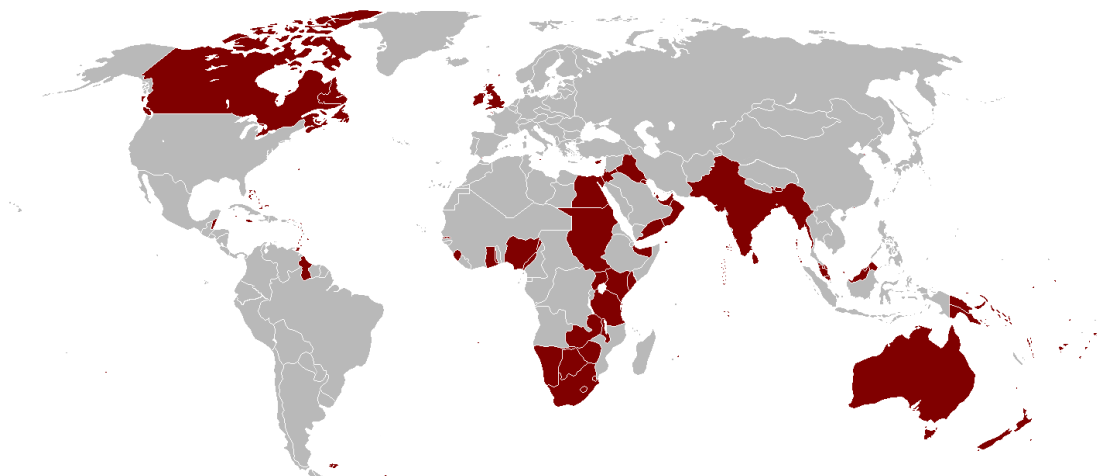
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After becoming a republic, Barbados left the Commonwealth.	☐	☐
The Queen was head of both the UK and 14 of the British Empire's old colonies.	☐	☐
Prince Charles spoke against the new republic.	☐	☐

⑤ In 1926, when Queen Elizabeth II was born, the British Empire ruled...

- ☐ about one quarter of the world's population
- ☐ Europe and North America
- ☐ the United Kingdom and the USA

⑥ Who attended the ceremony of independence in India?

- ☐ Queen Elizabeth
- ☐ Prince Philipp
- ☐ Lord Mountbatten



The British Empire in 1921





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⑦ Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

*colonies – Commonwealth – independence – diamonds –
sugar plantations – monarchy*



Commonwealth Flag

1. The British Empire ruled over many _____ around the world.
2. In Barbados, people were forced to work on _____.
3. In South Africa, the British took millions of carats of _____.
4. Many countries began to fight for _____ after World War II.
5. The British _____ wanted to stay important, even after the Empire ended.

part 3: 03:15 - end

⑧ What did the British Commonwealth change its name to?

- ☐ The British Union
- ☐ The Commonwealth of Nations
- ☐ The United Kingdom of Empires

⑨ Who must be head of the Commonwealth?

- ☐ A member of the British royal family
- ☐ The Prime Minister of Britain
- ☐ Anyone – the members can choose

⑩ Why might some countries want to join the Commonwealth even if they were never British colonies?

⑪ What does the video mean by “the monarchy can’t hide from its dark history anymore”?

