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The British Monarchy

W: Today I would like to talk about The British Monarchy. Does anyone have something to say about it?

Sarah: I have a question actually. I wonder how long will the United Kingdom still remain a monarchy?

W: well I guess until people can't tolerate it anymore as it happened in France. An opinion poll last week confirmed that the monarchy is still very popular.

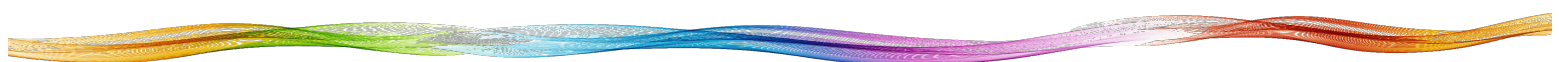
Sarah: some say that the monarchy is out of kilter with a modern democracy and if it is to survive, it will have to modernize.

W: Certainly. The monarchy is outdated in more than one way but most British people are deeply attached to it. I think the difficulty for the United Kingdom is to adapt to a changing world while preserving the legacy of the past.

Sarah: Well, I have read that the British taxpayer often has the feeling that the money spent supporting the royal family is squandered, and royal scandals tarnish the monarchy's image regularly.

W: I agree that the royals are often criticized for their conspicuous consumption, their remoteness and the rigidity of their upbringing, but Prince Charles is the heir to the throne of a country where traditions are still revered. I think for most Britons, the monarchy gives a sense of stability in a world full of uncertainty.

Sarah: you're probably right Wentworth.





GLOSSARY:

The British Monarchy	Taxpayer
To wonder	The feeling
To remain	The money
To tolerate	The royal family
To happen	Royal scandals
To confirm	The royals
To be out of kilter	Their conspicuous consumption
To survive	Their remoteness
To modernize	The rigidity
To be outdated	Their upbringing
To be attached to	The heir
To adapt	The throne
To preserve	Traditions
To spend/spent/spent	Britons
To support	A sense of stability
To squander	Uncertainty
To tarnish	Popular
To criticize	More than one way
To rever	Deeply
An opinion poll	Regularly
A modern democracy	
The difficulty	
A changing world	
The legacy of the past	



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