SOLUTIONS INTERMEDIATE 2

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QUEEN VICTORIA

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Queen Victoria and Osborne House

Before you watch

- **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Have you ever visited a palace?
 - 2 Where was it? Can you describe it?
 - 3 Who lives there or used to live there?

Comprehension check

2 Watch the DVD clip. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 The Isle of Wight is off the south coast of England. true / false
- 2 Queen Victoria and her family used to stay there on holiday. true / false
- **3** Osborne House is the near the sea. **true / false**
- 4 Queen Victoria's father designed Osborne House. true / false
- 5 The Royal Family still uses Osborne House today. true / false

Watch again. Tick the things that you see.

- **a** bedroom
- **b** dining room
- **c** desks

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- ${\boldsymbol{\mathsf{d}}} \hspace{0.1 cm} {\text{bathroom}} \hspace{0.1 cm}$
- **e** mirror
- **f** flower bed

- g stepsh path
- i lawn
- shutters
- **k** pond

4 Watch again. Number the events (A–F) in the order that they happened.

- **A** ____ Queen Victoria married Prince Albert.
- **B** ____ Victoria was born.
- **C** ____ Queen Victoria died.
- **D** ____ Osborne House was built.
- **E** ____ Victoria became queen at the age of eighteen.
- **F** ____ Prince Albert died.

Round up

5 SPEAKING Work in groups. Answer the questions.

Would you like to visit Osborne House? Why? / Why not? If so, what would you like to see?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Choose the correct words.

- 1 We live in a lively / spacious part of London with lots of restaurants, theatres and shops nearby.
- 2 The builders **restored** / **located** the 16th century farmhouse beautifully.
- 3 Our living room is small, but really **remote** / **cosy**, especially when we light a fire.
- **4** My parents love living in the countryside. It's so **peaceful** / **impressive** being away from the city.
- 5 It's a very tiny / spacious modern apartment with a large living room and three bedrooms.
- 6 The beautiful Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna is one of the most impressive / dilapidated palaces in Europe.





HENRY VIII



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Monarch rule as monarch?



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Monarch rule as monarch? reign

7 Complete the text with the words below. descendants era monarchs reigned

King Henry VIII

Henry VIII is one of the most famous ¹______ who ever ²______ in England. He was a member of the Tudor family, and he became king in 1509 at the age of seventeen. He ruled until his death in 1547. During his reign he married six wives, and had three children: Mary I, Elizabeth I, and Edward VII. After Henry's death, neither Edward nor Mary reigned for very long, but Elizabeth became one of the most popular queens in English history and reigned for 45 years. Unfortunately, none of Henry's children had any ³______, and after Elizabeth's death the Tudor ⁴______ ended.

Extension

8 Work in groups. Discuss these questions.

- Do you think it is a good idea for a country to be ruled by a monarch? Why? / Why not?
- Apart from their role in government, what other benefits do you think a king or queen gives to a country?
- Who would you prefer to have as the head of your country: a monarch or a president? Why?
- **9** Present and discuss your findings with the class. Use the key phrases for expressing opinions and gaining time.

Expressing opinions	Phrases for gaining time
I believe / don't believe that	Let me see. I'd have to give that some thought.
It seems to me that	That's a difficult question, but a very good one.
As I see it,	Actually, now I come to think about it,
	Well, thinking about it,

DON'T FORGET YOUR FINAL EXAMI