

Free English Lesson: “The Crown” (Episode 1)

Vocabulary: “Chance would be a fine thing.” (idiom) = something the speaker would like to happen but is very unlikely.

Quote: “Chance would be a fine thing.” (Prince Philip to Elizabeth; circa 5:00 minutes)

Vocabulary: “Match.” (noun) = relationship; marriage.

Quote: “Not a single person supported the match.” (Women speaking; circa 15:30 minutes)

Vocabulary: Lieutenant; Lieutenant Commander; gold rings = a promotion in rank in the British Navy and the rings on the uniform which symbolise the different ranks.

Quote: “My husband will soon no longer be Lieutenant Mountbatten but Lieutenant Commander Mountbatten ... which involves a whole new gold ring for me to sew onto your uniform!” (Elizabeth speaking at Philip’s presentation; circa 20:00 minutes)

Vocabulary: the Cabinet (noun) = the government’s team of most senior ministers; organised by the Prime Minister.

Quote: “We await the announcement of the new Cabinet in the coming days.” (Radio presenter; circa 24:30 minutes)

Vocabulary: count someone out (idiom) = derived from boxing – to knock someone out and defeat them.

Quote: “They keep trying to count him out but he keeps getting back up.” (The King; 25:00 minutes)

Vocabulary: administration (noun) = government. Example from UK government website: “The current administration does not have a Deputy Prime Minister.”

Quote: “What this nation needs is several years of strong, steady, experienced administration.” (Winston Churchill; 25:30 minutes)