

Monarchy		Key vocabulary	
Historically there has been many different kinds of monarch with different amounts of power.		Sovereign	The person with the most power or authority.
Monarchy	The idea of one single, powerful, hereditary leader has been around for more than 5000 years starting in Mesopotamia and Egypt.	Subjects	The people a monarch rules or reigns over.
Divine Monarchs	Some monarchs like the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs and the Inca Emperors were believed to be divine (gods) in human form.	Heir	The person next in line to become the monarch.
Absolute Monarchies	Monarchies where the ruler has the power to make political decisions like make laws.	Abdicate	Where the monarch gives up their throne and title to someone else, usually their heir .
Constitutional Monarchies	Monarchies where the monarch's power is limited by rules of a constitution. They are said to reign rather than rule and the countries are often democratic.	Coronation	The ceremony where a person becomes the monarch.
Head of State	The ceremonial leader of a country: a president in a republic or a monarch in a constitutional monarchy .	Decree	A rule made by kings or queens.
Different names for the monarch	Kings (male) and Queens (female) are the common titles in the UK. Tzar was the traditional title in Russia, Kaiser in Germany and Emperor in some other countries.	Hereditary	Where something is passed down (inherited) from one family member to another.
		Republic	A country that is led has an elected Head of State .