3.1 *The monarchy* ⇨ *Monarchy in the 21st century*

⇨ Historical background
⇨ Does the royal family have a future in modern Britain?

1 HISTORY

→ all-powerful monarch until English Civil War → political head of the country
→ parliamentarians → won the Civil War → executed Charles I
→ monarchy restored in 1660, but parliamentary powers now limited
→ monarch as religious leader → Henry VIII breaks with Rome to establish himself as the head of the Church of England

2 MODERNISING THE MONARCHY

→ reduction in number of working royals → fewer receive public funding
→ use of social media to connect with the people
→ younger royals speak very openly about issues e.g. mental health
→ meeting with all kinds of different people → connecting on a personal level

MONARCHY: FOR AND AGAINST

For:

→ neutral; not linked to a political party
→ continuity; part of British culture
→ good for the country & economy
→ works hard for British interests

Against:

→ non-elected head of state is undemocratic
→ too expensive
→ out of touch with ordinary people
→ reinforces concept of elitist society

IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

abolish	abschaffen	hereditary monarchy	Erbmonarchie
bill	Gesetzentwurf	integral part	wesentlicher Bestandteil
dissolve Parliament	Parlament auflösen	non-partisan	unparteiisch
head of state	Staatsoberhaupt	reparations	Wiedergutmachungen