



Prince Harry and Meghan Want to Step Back

Who are Prince Harry and Meghan?

- Prince Harry and Meghan are members of the British Royal Family.
- Prince Harry is The Queen's grandson and he married Meghan Markle in 2018.

Prince Harry and Meghan have said they want to step down as '**senior**' members of the Royal Family. In a statement on Wednesday, they said that they want to "become **financially independent**".

This means that they want to find work outside of the Royal Family. They will still be members of the family but won't do as many duties. The couple say they would still "support Her Majesty The Queen". But what is the Royal Family and who are Prince Harry and Meghan?

The Queen is the head of the Royal Family. Other members of the Royal Family help The Queen in a variety of public events. They also support a range of charities.

Prince Harry is the son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. He was born in 1984 and has an older brother, Prince William.

Before meeting Meghan, he was a soldier for ten years. He has **campaigned** on certain issues, such as the environment and against the ivory trade.

He also started something called the Invictus Games. This is an event where injured, wounded and sick **servicemen and women** compete in a range of sports.

Prince Harry met Meghan Markle in London in 2016. She comes from the USA and worked as an actor in television series and in films. She has also campaigned on women's rights and education.



Illustration: Prince Harry and Meghan.

The couple were married in May 2018 at Windsor Castle. Many people around the world watched their wedding on television, particularly in America. An estimated 1.9 billion people watched it on television around the world!

Last year, the couple celebrated the arrival of their baby son Archie. The news was greeted around the world. Buildings in London were lit up to celebrate.

In their statement, Prince Harry and Meghan said they would like to support charities in the future. They say they will split their time between North America and the UK. People will be looking closely to see what they will do next.

Glossary

senior	Higher in rank or status.
financially	To do with money.
campaigned	To work towards changing a specific thing.
servicemen and women	People who have worked in the military, such as the air force, the army and the navy.

Questions

1. Find and copy two facts about Prince Harry and Meghan in the text.

Prince Harry	Meghan

2. 'They also support a range of charities.'

Tick the word that is closest in meaning to the word 'range'.

- ☐ one
☐ couple
☐ similar
☐ variety

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4. What do you think Prince Harry and Meghan will do next?

5. Many people are interested in Harry and Meghan. Find and copy a piece of evidence that supports this.

6. Write a summary of the story in 20 words or fewer.

Answers

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Accept any two facts about Prince Harry and Meghan from the following: Prince Harry is the son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. He was born in 1984 and has an older brother, Prince William. He was a soldier for ten years. He has campaigned on certain issues, such as the environment and against the ivory trade. Prince Harry met Meghan Markle in London in 2016. She comes from the USA and worked as an actor in television series and in films. She has also campaigned on women's rights and education.

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3. Why do you think Americans were interested in their wedding? Explain your answer.

Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think Americans were interested in their wedding because Meghan comes from the USA.

4. What do you think Prince Harry and Meghan will do next?

Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think they will set up a charity to do with the environment because this is something they are interested in.

5. Many people are interested in Harry and Meghan. Find and copy a piece of evidence that supports this.

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Accept any reasonable answer which refers to the story, e.g. Prince Harry and Meghan say they want to step down as senior members of the Royal Family.