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# Quick Questions



1. Which two adjectives does Queen Victoria use to describe the moment she received the crown?

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2. How long had Queen Victoria already ruled for before she officially became queen?

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3. Why do you think that Queen Victoria did not want anyone to notice the ring?

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## Answers



1. Which two adjectives does Queen Victoria use to describe the moment she received the crown?

**Accept: impressive and wondrous.**



2. How long had Queen Victoria already ruled for before she officially became queen?

**Accept: 'just over a year'.**



3. Why do you think that Queen Victoria did not want anyone to notice the ring?

**Accept answers which discuss the fact that she may have felt embarrassed, she did not want to admit to the mistake, she did not want anyone to think she could not do her job properly, etc.**



4. Discuss another event where crowds gather to see a famous person.

**Accept any reasonable and comparable event, such as a concert, a book signing, a football match, etc.**