



In 1600, Queen Elizabeth I granted the East India Company a Royal Charter: a letter explaining that it had the authority to trade, on behalf of England, in Asia.

Can you write a 'Royal Charter' in your own words?

Top Tips

- Use formal language: you're writing for the queen!
- Write in full sentences.
- Be bossy! Your charter should be authoritative – it explains the queen's demands.

Information you could include

- A greeting from the queen to the reader of the charter.
- The East India Company is the only English company allowed to trade in Asia. This includes:
 - buying and selling goods;
 - buying and selling land;
 - and building factories, trading posts, ports and ships.
- The crown (the royal family) will give the East India Company £30,000 for its first voyage to India, which it must pay back.
- Half of any money the East India Company makes must go to the crown.
- The queen demands that the East India Company be protected, and not attacked. An attack on it is an attack on England!
- The queen will imprison anyone who does not abide by this charter for as long as she wishes!
- The charter lasts for fifteen years.

Word Bank

This charter hereby grants...

Her Royal Highness

on behalf of

punish

demand

permission

Elizabeth, queen of England and Defender of the Faith

Use the resource below to write your Royal Charter, or create your own on paper.

This charter hereby grants

ELIZABETH Queen of England
and Defender of the Faith.