

### 3c -Prince Harry, a short biography



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(born 1984). Prince Harry is the younger son of [Charles III](#) and [Diana, princess of Wales](#). Charles III is king of the [United Kingdom](#). Harry is two years younger than his brother, William, prince of Wales, who is heir apparent. Harry is fifth in line to the British throne and holds the title duke of Sussex, among other titles.

Prince Henry Charles Albert David was born in London, England, on September 15, 1984. He is commonly known as Prince Harry. At the time of his birth, his grandmother [Elizabeth II](#) was queen, and his father was prince of Wales.

Like his older brother, Harry attended a sequence of private schools before entering the prestigious Eton College. After graduating from Eton in 2003, Harry visited Argentina and Africa. He worked on a cattle station in Australia and in an orphanage in Lesotho. Instead of going to university, Harry entered Sandhurst—Britain's leading military academy for training army officers—in May 2005. He was commissioned an officer in April 2006.



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As part of the British royal family, Harry was often the subject of media attention. In January 2005 he encountered intense criticism when he attended a party wearing a Nazi uniform with a swastika arm band. The prince later apologized for what he conceded was a serious error of judgment. In February 2007 it was announced that Harry's army regiment would be deployed to Iraq. However, on advice from the armed services, it was decided that neither Harry nor William would serve with Britain's forces in Iraq for fear that they would become specific targets of attack and so put

their fellow soldiers at excessive risk. The following year Harry served a 10-week tour of duty in Afghanistan after the British media agreed to not publicize details of his service. His tour ended after foreign news outlets reported his deployment.



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Active in various causes, Harry in 2006 helped found a charity for children in Lesotho. It was dedicated to his mother, who had died in 1997. In 2007 Harry and William held a memorial service to mark the 10th anniversary of Diana's death. After attending the Warrior Games for injured U.S. servicepeople and veterans, Harry founded the Invictus Games, an international sporting competition for injured and sick veterans and servicepeople. The Invictus Games debuted in London in 2014.



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In 2017 Harry became engaged to American actress [Meghan Markle](#). The couple married on May 19, 2018. They were then given the titles of duke and duchess of Sussex. Meghan gave birth to their son, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, on May 6, 2019. Harry and Meghan wanted to live a more private life, and their coverage in the press grew increasingly negative. In addition, there appeared to be growing tensions between the couple and other royals. In January 2020 Harry and Meghan announced that they would "step back" from their royal duties and work toward becoming "financially independent." In addition, they planned to divide their time between the

United Kingdom and North America. Following negotiations with the palace, it was announced that Harry and Meghan would "no longer [be] working members of the Royal Family." With this change in status, they would no longer use the titles His (or Her) Royal Highness. The changes took effect on March 31, 2020. The couple eventually settled in Montecito, California. Meghan gave birth to their second child, a girl named Lilibet Diana Mountbatten-Windsor, on June 4, 2021. The name honored both Harry's mother and his grandmother, Elizabeth II, whose nickname was "Lilibet."