

The Peerage of GREAT BRITAIN



The Royalty

King / Queen

When talking about them: “His/Her Royal Majesty”
When talking to them: “Your Majesty”

Prince / Princess

When talking about them: “His/Her Royal Highness”
When talking to them: “Your Highness”

The Nobility

Duke / Duchess

(established in England in 1337)
When talking about them: “His/Her Grace”
When talking to them: “Your Grace”

Marquess [MAR-kwis] / Marchioness [MAR-shon-ess]

(established in England in 1385)
When talking about them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”
When talking to them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”

Earl / Countess

(established in England in the 9th or 10th century)
When talking about them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”
When talking to them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”

Viscount [vEYE-count] / Viscountess

(established in England in 1440)
When talking about them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”
When talking to them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”

Baron / Baroness

(established in England in 1066)
When talking about them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”
When talking to them: “Lord/Lady So-and-So”

The knightly

Knight

When talking about him: Sir Firstname
When talking to him: Sir Firstname

Knight’s Lady

When talking about her: Lady Lastname
When talking to her: Lady Lastname

The Gentry

Usually those descended from the nobility who did not inherit the noble title (second sons, etc.)