



David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is a famous British wildlife TV film-maker and scientist.

His Early Life



David loved to collect fossils as a little boy.



He learnt about animals at university.



Television

- He started to make TV shows about animals when he was 26 years old.
- He has hosted many more TV shows about animals and our planet for over 60 years.

Helping the Planet



- David often speaks to people about plastic rubbish called pollution.
- He also spoke out at the COP26 meeting in 2021 about changes in our weather.
- He asked world leaders to help.



All facts and statistics correct as of August 2023.

Questions

1. Who is Sir David Attenborough? Tick one.
 - ☐ a famous racing driver
 - ☐ a famous actor
 - ☐ a famous wildlife film-maker

2. What did he collect when he was young? Tick one.
 - ☐ fossils
 - ☐ stamps
 - ☐ coins

3. How old was David when he started making TV shows? Tick one.
 - ☐ 28 years old
 - ☐ 26 years old
 - ☐ 52 years old

4. How long has David been working on TV? Tick one.
 - ☐ over 50 years
 - ☐ over 26 years
 - ☐ over 60 years

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Sir David Attenborough is a famous British wildlife presenter. He has written and presented many popular TV shows over the last 60 years. They have helped people learn lots about animals and the planet.

His Early Life



Sir David Attenborough was born on 8th May 1926. He was the middle of three brothers.



David enjoyed collecting fossils and stones when he was little.



He went to the University of Cambridge when he grew up to study rocks, animals and the environment.



Television

David started to work in television when he was 26 years old. This was strange because lots of people did not own a TV at that time. He did not even have a TV at home!

The first TV show he made was called 'Animal Patterns'. Zookeepers brought real animals from London Zoo to appear on the show. David also made a show called 'Life on Earth' that was very popular around the world.



Did You Know...?

His show called 'Wildlife on One' had 250 episodes. It was on for 28 years.



Helping the Planet

David has most recently shown many people the dangers of plastic pollution and talked about climate change at the COP26 meeting.

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☐ 8th May

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Animal Patterns

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for 28 years.

Wildlife on One

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3. What did David study at university? Tick one.

☐ He studied TV shows, English and acting.

☐ He studied rocks, animals and the environment.

☐ He studied English, science and maths.

4. Look at the section called **Television**.

Find and copy a word which means 'liked by many people'.

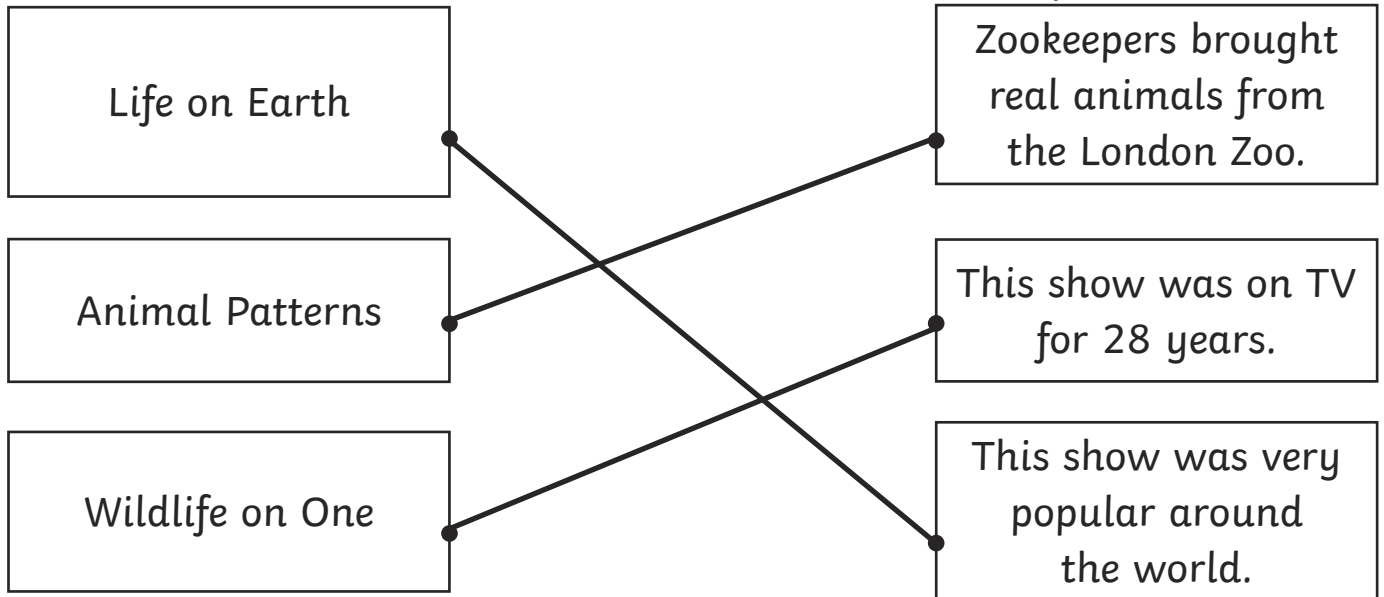
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Early Life

David was born in London on 8th May 1926. This is the same year that Queen Elizabeth II was born! He was the middle of three brothers.

David loved to collect fossils, stones and other natural objects as a child. He collected and sold newts from a local pond to a university nearby when he was 11 years old. He went to the University of Cambridge when he was 19 years old. He learnt lots about rocks, animals and the **environment**.



Television

David started to work in television when he was 26 years old. This was unusual because not many people owned a TV at that time. Even David didn't own a TV.

His first TV show was called 'Animal Patterns' where zookeepers brought real animals from London Zoo into the studio. His show called 'Wildlife on One' was on TV for 28 years.

Sir David Attenborough is a world-famous British film-maker and naturalist. This means he is a scientist who studies animals and how they behave. He has written and presented many TV shows about animals and our planet in the last 60 years. These programmes help viewers learn more about the natural world.

Did You Know...?

Sir David Attenborough has more than ten plants and animals that are named after him!



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Helping the Planet

David has shown many people the dangers of plastic pollution to our environment and spoken out about **climate change**. He even spoke at the COP26 climate meeting in 2021 and asked world leaders to help stop climate change.



David continues to speak out about helping our planet and he inspires many people all over the world to do the same.

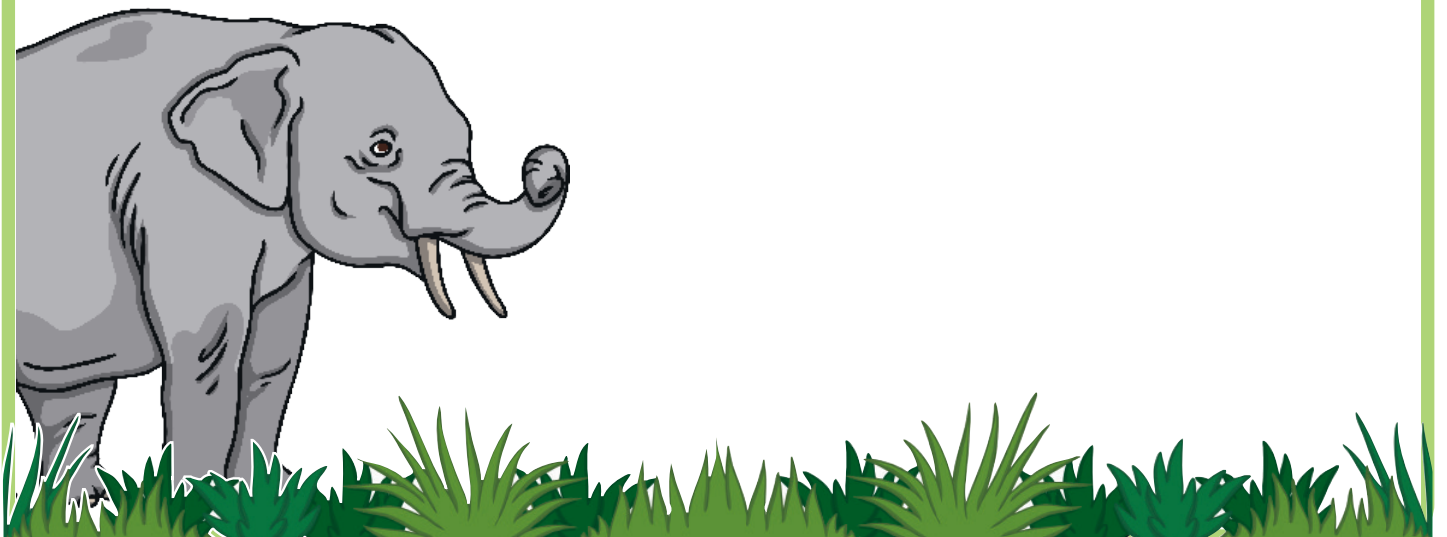
Glossary

climate change:

A change in typical weather over a long time.

environment:

Everything that makes up our planet, such as animals, plants, rocks and trees.



Questions

1. Who was born the same year as Sir David Attenborough? Tick one.

- ☐ Queen Elizabeth II
- ☐ Prince Phillip
- ☐ Prince Charles

2. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ He spoke at the COP26 climate summit.
- ☐ David was born in London in 1926.
- ☐ He went to university.

3. What did David collect and sell to a local university?

4. Why was it unusual for David to work in TV?

5. Look at the section called **His Early Life**.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'everything that makes up our planet'.

6. What question would you like to ask Sir David?

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6. What question would you like to ask Sir David?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would like to ask him which of his TV shows that he has done is his favourite.