

# David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is a famous British wildlife film-maker. His TV shows have helped people learn lots about animals and their environments for over 60 years!

## His Early Life

Attenborough loved to collect fossils and stones when he was a little boy. He studied zoology at university so he could learn all about animals and their habitats.



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## Television

In 1952, many people did not have a TV but Attenborough got a job at the BBC. He started to make TV shows about animals.

The first TV show was called 'Animal Patterns'. He talked about the colours and patterns of many amazing animals.

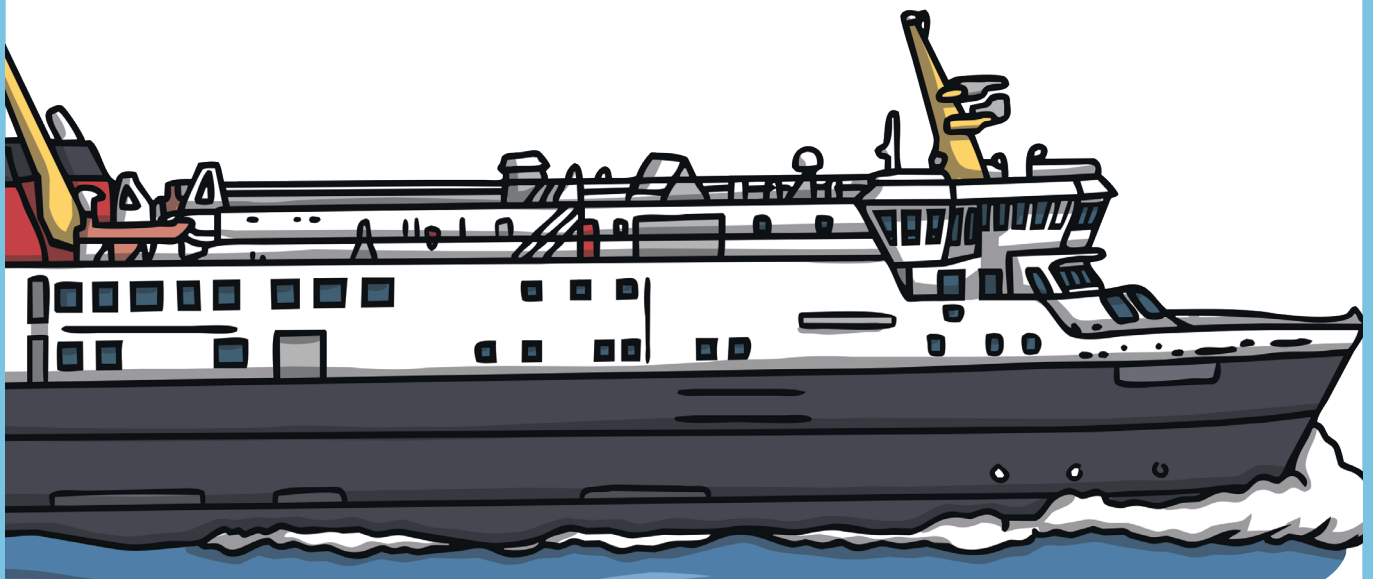
In 1979, Attenborough made a show called 'Life on Earth'. It was very popular. Since then, he has written and presented many more shows. Lately, he made 'Blue Planet 2' which showed people how awful plastic pollution is for our world.

Then, Attenborough talked to the viewers about their camouflage and behaviour.

One of his most famous documentaries was shown on TV in 1979. It was called 'Life on Earth', and it was a show which was well-loved and very successful. It has been shown on TV channels in many countries across the world. Since then, he has written and presented many more programmes. For example, over 250 episodes of 'Wildlife on One' were shown from 1977 to 2005 (28 years!). More recently, Attenborough has shown many people the dangers of plastic pollution to our environment.

### Did You Know...?

Sir David Attenborough has more than ten plants and animals that are named after him! One of these is a carnivorous plant called *Nepenthes attenboroughii* which feeds on animals such as rats!



# Questions

## 1. Who is Sir David Attenborough? Tick one

- He is a British racing driver.
- He is an actor who has appeared in many films.
- He is a popular and famous British film-maker and naturalist.

## 2. What did Sir David Attenborough enjoying doing as a child?

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## 3. Look at the His Early Life section. Write numbers from 1 to 4 to put the statements in the correct order.

Statement	Number
He went to university.	
He was born in London in 1926.	
He collected fossils, stones and other objects.	
He sold newts to a university.	

## 4. Look at the Television section. Find and copy a word which means what animals use to blend into their habitat so that they can hide.

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## 5. Look at the Did You Know...? section. Fill in the missing words.

Sir David Attenborough has \_\_\_\_\_ than ten plants and \_\_\_\_\_ that are named after \_\_\_\_\_!