

David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is a famous British wildlife film-maker. Over the past 60 years, he has written and presented many popular TV shows. These have helped people learn lots about animals, their behaviour and their habitats.

His Early Life

Sir David Attenborough was born on 8th May 1926. He was the middle of three brothers. Richard was the oldest. He was an actor who appeared in many popular films.

When he was little, Attenborough loved to collect fossils and stones.

When he was 19 years old, he went to Cambridge University to study geology and zoology. He learnt lots about rocks, animals and the environment.



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Television

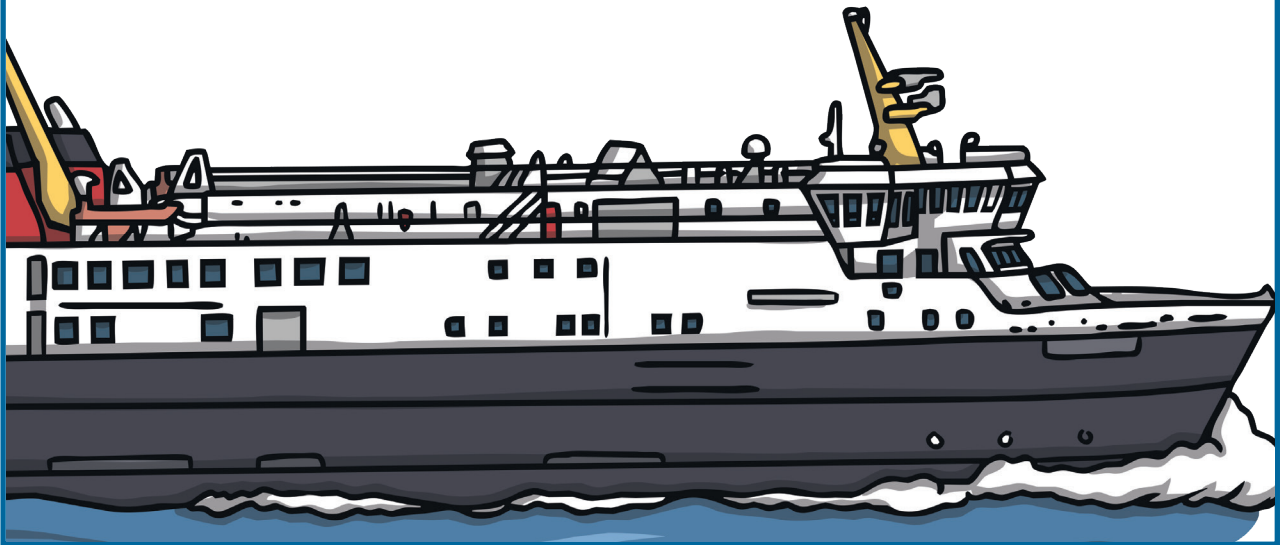
In 1952, Attenborough started to work for television. At this time, lots of people did not own a TV. He did not even have a TV at home!

The first TV show he made was called 'Animal Patterns'. On the show, zookeepers brought real animals from London Zoo. Then, Attenborough talked about the colours of their coats. He also talked about their behaviour.

In 1979, Attenborough made a show called 'Life on Earth' which was very popular. It has been shown on TV across the world. Since then, he has written and presented many more programmes. In total, there were more than 250 episodes of 'Wildlife on One'! Lately, he has shown many people the dangers of plastic pollution to our world.

Did You Know...?

Attenborough is said to be the most well-travelled person on the planet! When he made 'The Life of Birds', he travelled an impressive 256 thousand miles! This is equal to travelling around the world ten times!



Questions

1. **When is Sir David Attenborough's birthday? Tick one**

6th July

8th May

10th June

2. **Look at the His Early Life section. Draw lines to match these sentences:**

The oldest brother...	•
As a child, he...	•
At 19 years old, he...	•

• loved to collect fossils and stones.
• was an actor in many films.
• started studying rocks, animals and the environment at university.

3. **What happened to Sir David Attenborough in 1952? Tick one.**

He studied geology and zoology.

He started working for television.

He made a show called 'Life on Earth'.

4. **Find and copy a word which means 'how an animal moves or acts'.**

5. **How many episodes of 'Wildlife on One' did he make?**
