

Knowledge Organiser - The life of Sir David Attenborough

Significant Places	
 <p>Early life</p> <p>Sir David was born in Isleworth, London. As a young boy, he enjoyed learning about the natural world and had a large collection of fossils and stones. He went to Cambridge University to study natural sciences. Sir David married Jane Oriel and had two children.</p>	 <p>The natural world</p> <p>Sir David Attenborough has been involved in over 100 programmes about animals and the world around us. Some of these are called 'Blue Planet' and 'Planet Earth.' He has also written many books and has won many awards. He supports many charities that raise money to help save endangered species or to help protect the planet. Examples include Cool Earth and World Land Trust which help to protect the rainforests.</p>
 <p>Climate change</p> <p>Many of David's recent programmes talk about the damage that humans are doing to our planet, the effects of plastic pollution and other environmental issues. He works hard to encourage people to look after our Earth and the plants and animals that depend on it. Many of David's programmes, in particular those produced more recently, have focused on humans' impact on the natural world. He is the UK ambassador for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and was a key speaker at the COP26 Climate Change Conference, where he urged world leaders to take action in the fight against climate change.</p>	 <p>1945 - He obtained a degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University.</p> <p>1947 - After leaving university, he had to complete two years of National Service in the Royal Navy.</p> <p>1949 - After leaving the Navy, David edited children's science textbooks, where he was in charge of making sure the information was accurate.</p> <p>1950 - Despite not owning a television (and only ever having seen one television programme himself!), he went on to train as a television producer for the BBC.</p> <p>1952 - David began to produce natural history programmes before returning to his studies.</p> <p>1965 - He was offered the job of BBC Two Controller.</p> <p>1969 - He later became the Director of Television Programming.</p> <p>1972 - He left this job so he could work full-time writing and producing television programmes about natural history.</p>

Key Vocabulary		
1	Sir	Becoming a 'sir' means you have a knighthood. You receive this if you have done something worthy of recognition.
2	Knighthood	A person can be knighted if they do something impactful in their job or charity. A knighthood is an award and title given by the king or queen.
3	Naturalist	An expert in natural history.
4	Presenter	A person who introduces and appears in a television or radio programme.
5	Environment	Everything that makes up our planet, such as animals, plants, rocks and trees.
6	Climate change	A change in typical weather over a long time.

Sir David Attenborough is a TV presenter and writer. He studies animals, plants and other living things and presents programmes about the natural world. He has also spoken about the importance of tackling climate change and pollution.

