



Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is a British naturalist. He was born in 1926. As a boy David loved science and nature. He collected fossils and rocks and liked looking for bird's eggs. Everything in nature fascinated him.

V: What is a naturalist? Circle your answer.

An expert in nature

Someone who lives in nature

Someone who hates nature

In 1952 David joined the BBC. He was a producer and helped make TV shows. His first series was called 'Zoo Quest' which showed animals in the zoo. It also showed animals in their natural habitat. There hadn't been a show like it before. Normally, animals would be taken into a film studio but David didn't like this. He thought animals should stay in their natural habitat where they normally live. People loved the new show and it was very popular.

E: How was 'Zoo Quest' different to other nature shows?

V: What does the word **habitat** mean?

In 1965 a new channel was created called BBC2. David was given control of the channel and he helped produce lots of new shows. After a few years, he left the channel because he wanted to work on his own shows.

R: Why did David leave the BBC?



David has made lots and lots of nature shows. He has been on our TVs for over 60 years and has received many awards for his work. He has had plants and animals named after him and he has been knighted by the Queen.

David is still making shows. He is still teaching us about the planet and everything on it.

R: How long has David been making TV shows?