



David Attenborough's Life on Our Planet

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*"If we take care of nature,
nature will take care of us."*

David Attenborough



ABOUT DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Date of birth: ... 8th May, 1926 **Nationality:** ... British
Job: natural historian, broadcaster, writer

Sir David Attenborough is a famous naturalist and one of the 100 Greatest Britons, according to a poll¹ broadcast² by the BBC in 2002. When he was a child, he used to collect³ fossils⁴ and stones. He studied geology and zoology at Cambridge. He received a degree in natural sciences.

1. Are the sentences true or false? Read the factfile, listen to the article and write T or F.

- a. He is 70 years old.
- b. He doesn't eat meat.
- c. He doesn't have a television
- d. He doesn't like sending letters.
- e. Our planet is changing quickly.
- f. "The Blue Planet" was released in 2020
- g. People cut down 10 billion trees every year.
- h. 1 million animals and plants are dying.
- i. People must save water.

Interesting facts about David

- ➔ When he joined the BBC, he did not own a TV and he had seen only one TV program in his life.
- ➔ He is a vegetarian.
- ➔ He doesn't own a car because he never passed his driving test.
- ➔ He doesn't like sending emails and prefers receiving letters.
- ➔ He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.
- ➔ The only animals he hates are rats.
- j. We need to learn how to fight against the nature.
- k. David has 2 children.

2. Match the following parts of sentences. You can listen to the 2nd part of the article and check.

People	is melting.
Our planet	cut down too many trees.
Ice in the Arctic and Antarctic	gets warmer and warmer.
People must stop	vegetarians.
People must become	animals and plants in danger.
People must protect	cutting down forests.

3. Fill in the sentences with articles *a*, *an*, or *the*. Then listen and check.

David Attenborough travels around _____ world and makes documentary films about it. His films are about life on _____ ground, under water and in _____ air. His active career is 70 years long and he has _____ lot of awards for his work.

David Attenborough says that he lives _____ amazing life on our planet, but Earth is changing very quickly now. It is very different from what he remembers as _____ child. Planet Earth is in danger and we must protect it.

SOME OF THE CHANGES DAVID ATTENBOROUGH HAS EXPERIENCED DURING HIS LIFE:

	1937	1954	1960	1978	1997	2020
World population	2.3 billion	2.7 billion	3.0 billion	4.3 billion	5.9 billion	7.8 billion
Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere	280 parts per million*	310 parts per million	315 parts per million	335 parts per million	360 parts per million	415 parts per million
Remaining wilderness*	66%	64%	62%	55%	46%	35%

4. Read the following definitions and write the word.

the head of the UK

a man who has the title *Sir* before his name

a person who doesn't eat meat

the planet we live on

an area with lots of trees

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