

# Planet Hero!

## Sir David Attenborough



People and Planet

### Britain's famous nature broadcaster!

Sir David Attenborough was born in London, England, on **May 8, 1926**. Fascinated by nature from a young age, he studied **Natural Sciences** at the **University of Cambridge** before starting work at the **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** in **1952**.

Sir David's first ever television series, **Zoo Quest** was released in **1954**. It was the most ambitious nature documentary ever – and proved to be very popular! Sir David then worked as **Controller of BBC2**, before quitting to become writer and narrator of the ground-breaking **Life** series. This award-winning set of programmes ran from **1979-2008**, showing millions of viewers **never-before-seen wildlife** from **all over the globe!**



Sir David visited rare mountain gorillas in 1979

Nowadays, Sir David is well into his 90s – but he's still travelling all over the world and narrating inspirational programmes like **Blue Planet II** and **Our Planet**, which are changing the way people think about **climate change**, **plastic pollution**, and other important **environmental issues**. He has also written several **books** and given **speeches** at events around the globe!

### Did you know?

- Like most British people at the time, Sir David **didn't own a television** when he went to work for the BBC. In fact, he'd only ever seen **one TV programme!**
- Despite having travelled on boats, planes, trains and horses, Sir David **doesn't own a car**, as he **never passed his driving test**.
- Though he is fascinated by all animals, Sir David is scared of **rats!**

### FUN FACT!

Amazingly, Sir David is the only person to have won **BAFTAs** (awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts) for programmes in **black and white, colour, HD, and 3D!**



Teaching kids about capybara in 1956!

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As you can imagine, Sir David loves animals! Two of his favourites are leafy sea dragons (closely related to seahorses) and monkeys!