



Cherry is reading a biography about Sir David Attenborough. Read the biography.

Sir David Attenborough



Sir David Attenborough is a famous British natural historian and author. Although he collected fossils and stones in his childhood, he did not start his career as a natural historian right after graduation. Instead, he was a broadcaster.

Soon after Attenborough quit his first job as an editor for children's science textbooks, he joined the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) as a producer of non-fiction broadcasts. Later, he produced a popular programme called *Animal Patterns*, which was about animals in London Zoo.

Since then, Attenborough has produced and hosted a number of remarkable TV programmes featuring nature and animals. One of his significant works was the documentary series—*The Life Collection*. This nine-part programme records almost every type of living things on the planet, including birds, mammals and plants. It also talks about essential elements, such as water and air. After that, Attenborough formed his own department to continue producing documentaries. Soon, he and his team became a profession in this field.

With great contribution to wildlife research and conservation, Attenborough has received international recognition and many awards, including the Emmy Awards, which is regarded as 'the Oscars' for the television industry. In recent decades, Attenborough's works have raised public concerns over the threats that our environment is facing. He once said, 'We humans, alone on Earth, are powerful enough to create worlds, and then destroy them.' He repeatedly warns people that we have a responsibility to protect the earth because we need it to survive.



A **decade (n.)** means 'ten years'. It is a countable noun so we can add '-s' to it.
e.g. Emily was a little girl two **decades** ago.



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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

- What did Attenborough do before he became a natural historian?
 - award-winner
 - editor
 - broadcaster
 - producer

A. ii and iv B. iii and iv C. i, iii and iv D. ii, iii and iv
- Attenborough did NOT _____ when he worked for the BBC.
 - host TV programmes about animals and nature
 - write and edit science textbooks for children
 - form a documentary department
 - produce documentaries to introduce wildlife
- Which of the following is TRUE about Attenborough? (Choose more than one answer.)
 - He is a renowned book editor.
 - He has not been active in recent decades.
 - He does a lot to protect wildlife.
 - He was interested in fossils when he was small.

Tip

Q3: The word 'renowned' has the same meaning as 'famous'.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- What does *The Life Collection* mention? Give THREE examples.

- What does Attenborough often remind people? Why?

Arrange the pictures in the correct order. Put 1-4 in the correct boxes.



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