



David  
Attenborough  
was born in  
**London** in  
**1926.**



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As a child, Attenborough loved  
collecting fossils, stones  
and other natural  
specimens. He  
displayed these  
in a 'museum'  
he created.



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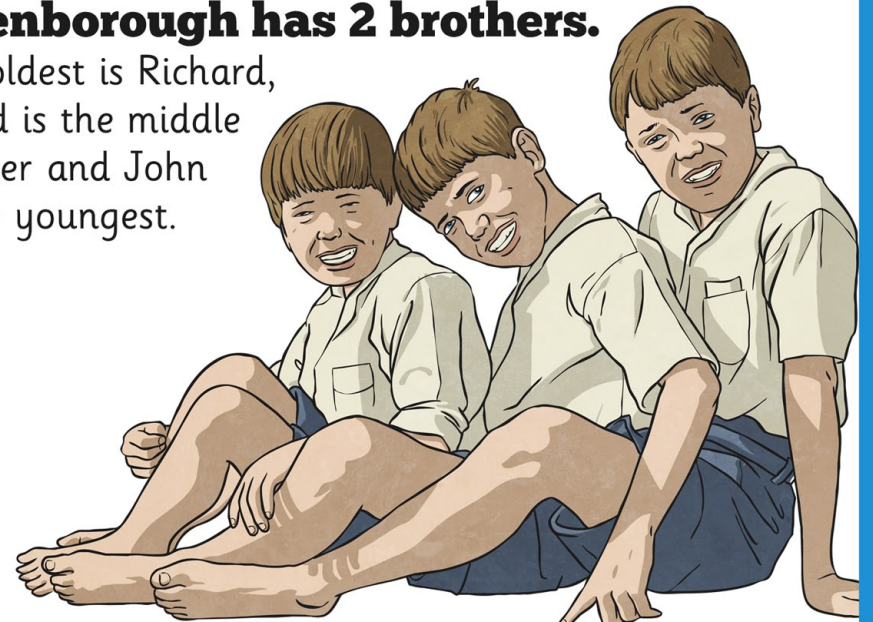
During the  
Second World War,  
Attenborough's family  
adopted two  
**Jewish**  
**refugee**  
girls from Europe.



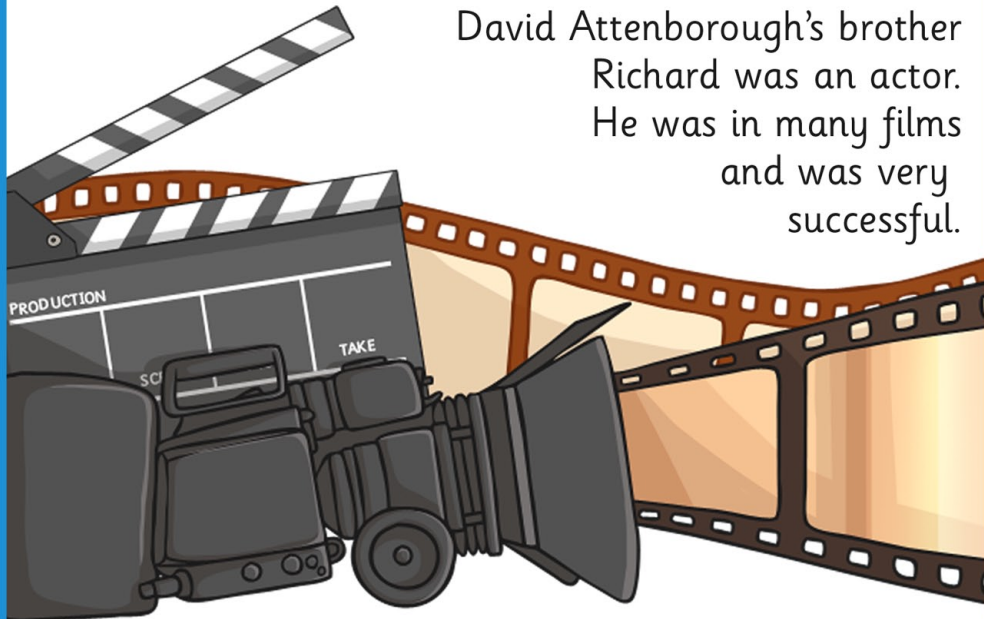
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### **Attenborough has 2 brothers.**

The oldest is Richard,  
David is the middle  
brother and John  
is the youngest.



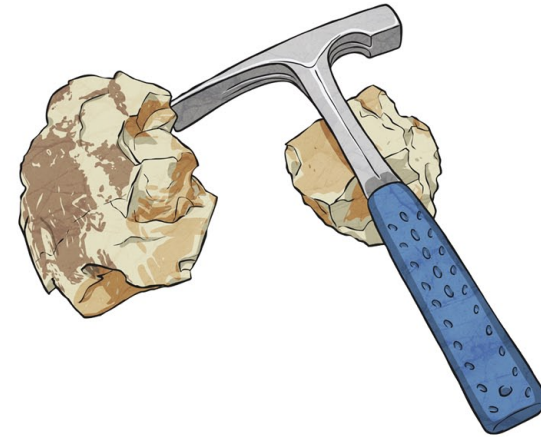
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David Attenborough's brother Richard was an actor. He was in many films and was very successful.

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Attenborough won a scholarship to Cambridge University in 1945. He studied geology and zoology, and achieved a degree in natural sciences.



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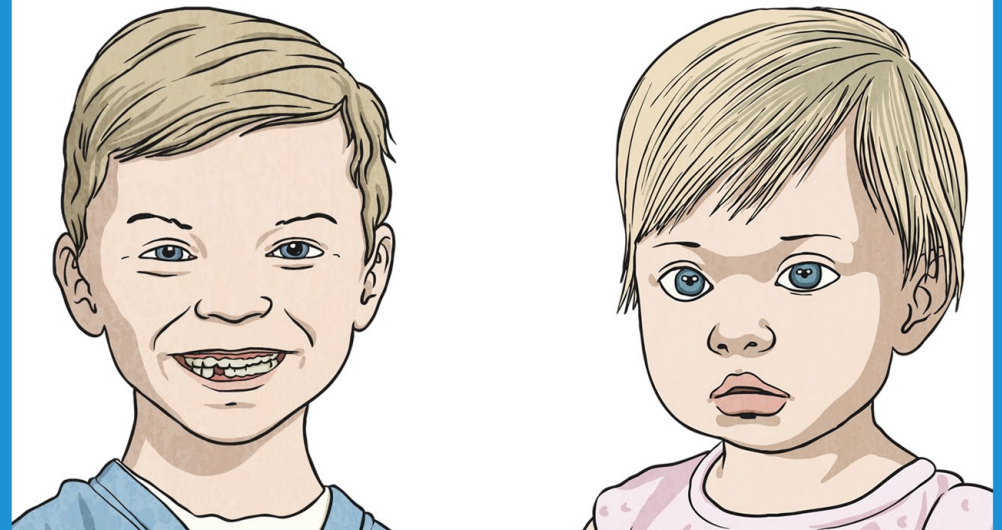
**In 1947,**

Attenborough was called up for two years' national service in the Royal Navy.



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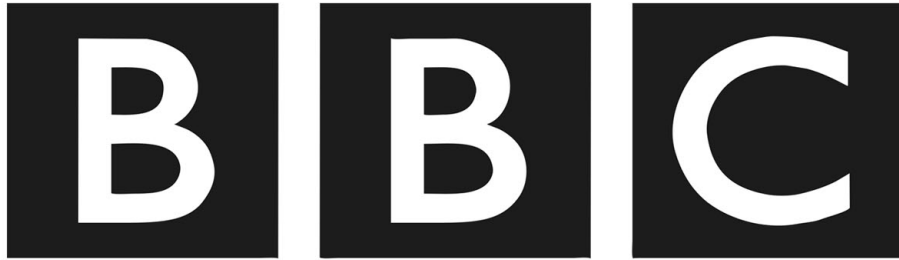
Attenborough married Jane Elizabeth Ebsworth Oriel in 1950. They had two children.



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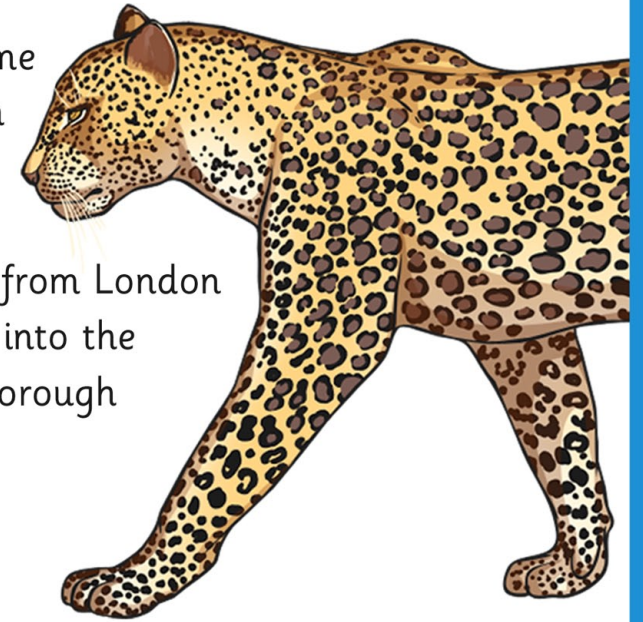


In 1952, Attenborough started to work at the BBC.  
At this time he did not own a television and had  
only ever seen one television programme.

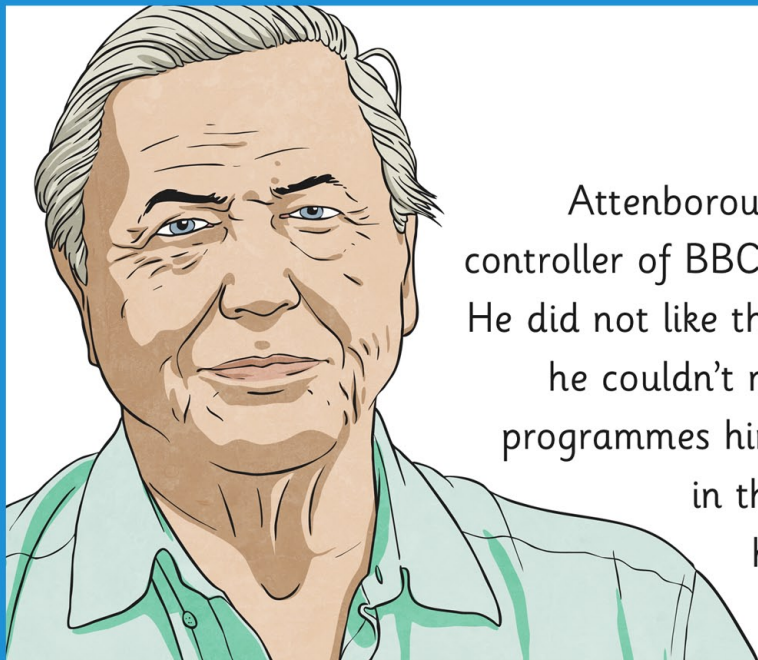


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The first programme  
that Attenborough  
presented was  
called 'Animal  
Patterns'. Animals from London  
Zoo were brought into the  
studio and Attenborough  
talked about their  
camouflage and  
behaviour.

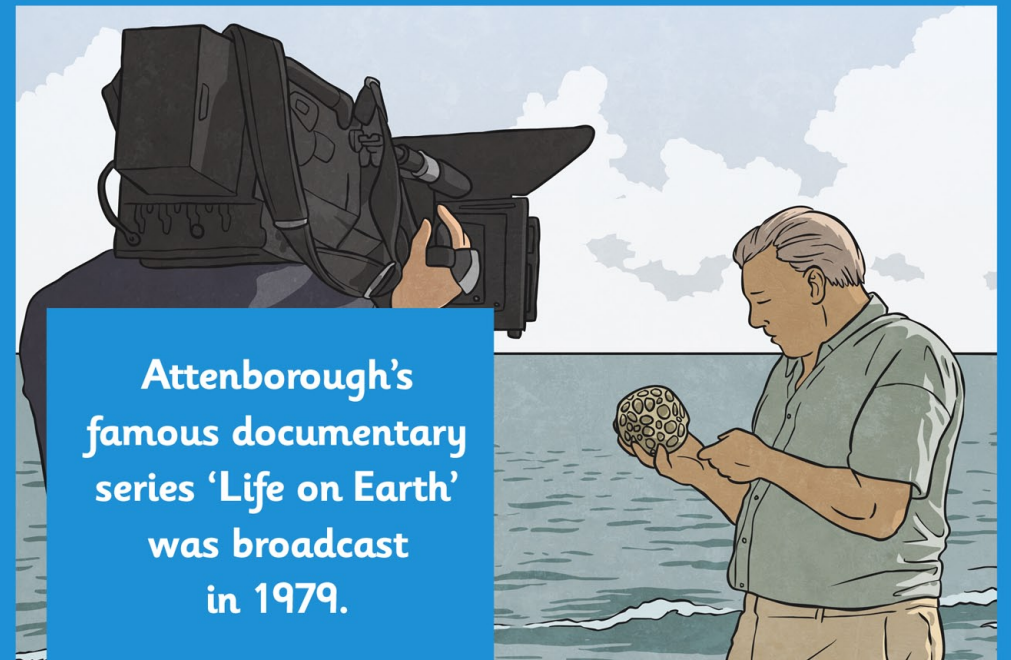


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Attenborough became  
controller of BBC2 in 1965.  
He did not like the fact that  
he couldn't make many  
programmes himself while  
in this job, and  
he resigned  
in 1971.

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**Attenborough's  
famous documentary  
series 'Life on Earth'  
was broadcast  
in 1979.**

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