



Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Two-minute Nature Documentary

An activity of "David Attenborough's 100 years of life on earth".

Read "David Attenborough's 100 years of life on earth (pages 22-23, *What's Up* June 2026). The article is about David Attenborough, a famous nature presenter who loved nature from young and spent his life helping people understand, appreciate, and protect nature.

ON YOUR OWN

1. Watch these three short videos to learn more about him and his work:

Planet Earth: A Celebration - a message from Sir David Attenborough

➤ https://youtu.be/5kizCCIhtUs?si=nJjAWjtg5u9NU_d-
(BBC Earth, 19 Aug 2020)

David Attenborough encounters the most DANGEROUS plant in the desert!

➤ <https://youtu.be/qK4G2KpmqFU?si=rKltueNjnUplasXj> (BBC, 31 Jan 2022)

Baby Flying Squirrel Takes Flight for the First Time | Mammals | BBC Earth

➤ <https://youtu.be/ZiPoqQn63L0?si=cj8TuaDoFQveMWVL> (BBC Earth, 2 May 2024)

1a) What were three interesting facts you learned from the videos above?

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1b) What do you appreciate most about Sir David as a nature presenter?

AS A SMALL GROUP

2. Plan a two-minute documentary about a local wildlife — animal or plant. You have a wide variety to choose from, e.g. mynah, sunbird, otter, gecko, tembusu, banana plant, etc.

Our group's choice of an animal/plant: _____

We chose this because: _____

3. Gather information about your chosen animal or plant.

Description of chosen animal/ plant
Habitat (<i>where it lives</i>)
Appearance (<i>what it looks like</i>)
Behaviour / habits (<i>its common actions</i>)
Interesting facts (<i>anything unusual and/or unique about it</i>)
Why it is important in nature
Any conservation concerns / challenges
What can people do to help

4. Plan your one-minute documentary in six short scenes.

What are camera shots? Here are some examples:

Wide shot Shows the whole place or habitat	Close-up Shows a small detail clearly	Tracking shot Follows the moving animal or object	Slow-motion shot Makes movement look more dramatic
Time-lapse Speeds up very slow movements	Hidden view Makes viewers feel they are present	Low-angle shot Makes the subject look taller, grander	Bird's eye view Shows the scene from above

5. Present the final version to your class, either on flipchart paper or as PowerPoint slides. You may use the following template to draft the scenes.

<p>SCENE 1: Opening Scene Purpose: Introduce the animal/ plant. Camera shot (type):</p>	<p>SCENE 2: Close Observation Purpose: Help viewers notice details. Camera shot (type):</p>
<p><i>Sketch of scene</i></p>	<p><i>Sketch of scene</i></p>
<p>Narration (point form):</p> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Narration (point form):</p> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>SCENE 3: Interesting Fact 1 Purpose: Teach viewers something new. Camera shot (type):</p>	<p>SCENE 4: Interesting Fact 2 Purpose: Teach viewers something new. Camera shot (type):</p>
<p><i>Sketch of scene</i></p>	<p><i>Sketch of scene</i></p>
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<p>SCENE 5: Interesting Fact 1 Purpose: Teach something new. Camera shot (type):</p>	<p>SCENE 6: Interesting Fact 2 Purpose: Teach something new. Camera shot (type):</p>
<p><i>Sketch of scene</i></p>	<p><i>Sketch of scene</i></p>
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