

The Life of Prince Philip

Prince Philip was the husband of Her Majesty The Queen. He would have been celebrating his 100th birthday in June 2021. Sadly, he died in April 2021.

Early Life

Prince Philip was born on the island of Corfu, Greece on 10th June 1921. When he was born, his title was 'Prince of Greece and Denmark'. His parents were Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg and he had four older sisters. When he was 18 months old, Prince Philip and his family had to leave Greece because of political problems that were affecting his uncle, Constantine I, King of Greece.

Prince Philip went to several different schools around Europe before completing his education in Scotland.

In 1939, Prince Philip became a **cadet** in the Royal Navy. He served onboard several ships during the Second World War.

Marriage to The Queen

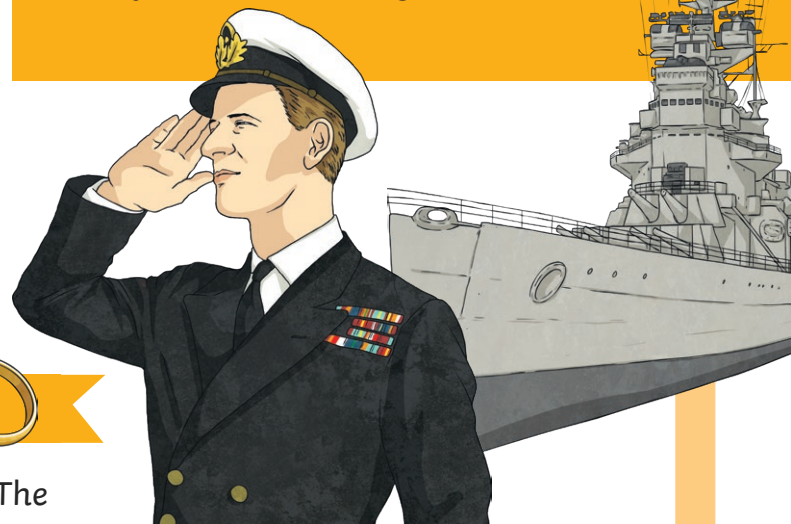
Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth, as The Queen was previously titled, had known each other since childhood. After the Second World War, Prince Philip proposed to the princess and they were married at Westminster Abbey in 1947.

The royal couple went on to have four children: Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. The prince carried on serving with the Royal Navy until Princess Elizabeth's **coronation** in 1952.



Did You Know... ?

A Royal navy ship was sent to collect Prince Philip and his family. The young prince was transported to safety in a cot made from an old orange box.



Prince Philip gave up his Greek titles and became a British citizen so that he could marry The Queen. After they were married, he was given new titles of Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich.

Interests and Charity Work

Prince Philip was the longest-serving **consort** and had accompanied The Queen for over 60 years. As well as his royal duties, Prince Philip enjoyed sport, the environment, engineering and technology. In 1961, the prince was the first member of the royal family to take part in a television interview.

Prince Philip was involved with around 780 organisations throughout the world. He was a president of the World Wildlife Fund since it was first set up in 1961.

In 1956, the prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people to help them to improve their life skills. Over 3.1m DofE Awards have been given out so far.

Glossary

cadet: A young trainee in the armed forces, such as the British Navy.

consort: A royal companion, usually the husband or wife of a king or queen.

coronation: The ceremony of crowning a new king or queen.

Did You Know... ?

Prince Philip enjoyed flying and could fly most types of planes.

Later Life

In 2017, Prince Philip retired from public duties at the age of 96. He has eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. His eldest son, Prince Charles, is the next in line to the throne followed by his grandson Prince William and his great-grandson, Prince George.



Questions

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A 'consort' is a royal _____. Tick one.

- visitor
 companion
 performance
 advisor

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 The prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
 Prince Philip and his family had to leave Greece.
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retired

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think an orange box was used because they would have needed to leave the country in a hurry and this may have been the only material that they could access. They may also have wanted something small that they could fit on the boat quickly and easily.

7. Why do you think that Prince Philip stopped serving with the Royal Navy?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Prince Philip stopped serving with the Royal Navy following The Queen's coronation because it would have not been appropriate for The Queen's husband to be working. The prince would also have had new, royal duties to carry out.

8. Summarise what you have learnt about Prince Philip in 30 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Prince Philip was born in Greece and travelled around Europe as a child. He enjoyed flying planes and was in the British Navy during the Second World War.

The Life of Prince Philip

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Early Life

Prince Philip was born on the island of Corfu, Greece on 10th June 1921. As the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg, he was given the title 'Prince of Greece and Denmark'. Prince Philip had four older sisters: Cecilie, Sophie, Margarita and Theodora.

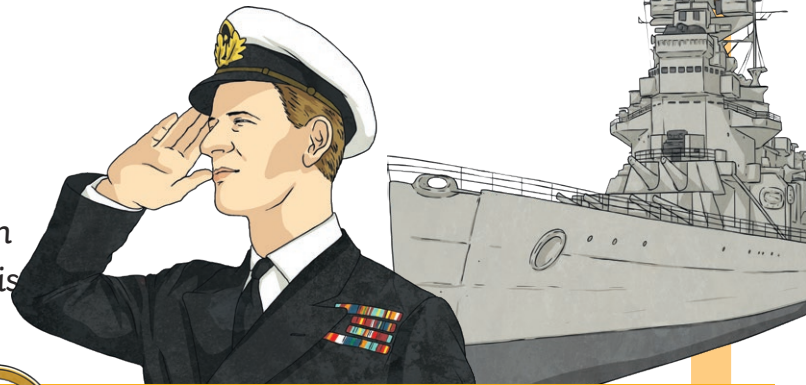
When he was eight months old, Prince Philip and his family had to evacuate Greece when his uncle (Constantine I, King of Greece) was forced to **abdicate** the throne. The young prince was transported to safety by a Royal Navy ship in a cot made from an old orange box.

Prince Philip spent much of his childhood moving around Europe. He went to school in France (where he learnt to speak fluent French) before moving to England and studying at Cheam School. The prince then relocated to Germany before completing his education in Scotland.



Naval Career

In 1939, Prince Philip became a cadet in the Royal Navy. Following his training, Prince Philip served in the navy onboard several ships during the Second World War. By the age of 21, Prince Philip had already risen to the rank of First Lieutenant.



Marriage to The Queen

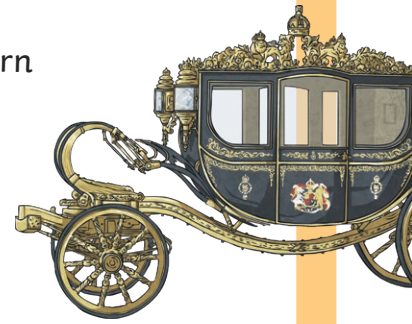


Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth (as she was then known) had known each other since childhood. The pair are said to have exchanged letters for several years. Following the Second World War, Prince Philip proposed to Princess

Elizabeth and they were married at Westminster Abbey in 1947. The wedding was broadcast live on the radio. In order to marry Princess Elizabeth, Prince Philip gave up his Greek titles and became a British citizen. However,

following his marriage, Prince Philip was given new titles: Duke of Edinburgh; Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich.

The royal couple went on to have four children: Prince Charles (born 1948); Princess Anne (born 1950); Prince Andrew (born 1960) and Prince Edward (born 1964). The prince continued to serve with the Royal Navy until Princess Elizabeth's **coronation** in 1952.



Interests and Royal Life

Much of Prince Philip's time was taken up with royal duties; he was the longest-serving **consort** and had accompanied The Queen for over 60 years.

Outside of his royal duties, Prince Philip enjoyed flying; he had earned his helicopter 'wings' and his pilot's licence.

The prince had a keen interest in sport, the environment, engineering and technology. In 1961, the prince was the first member of the royal family to take part in a television interview.

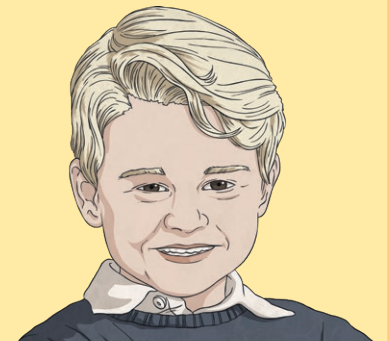
Charity Work

Prince Philip was involved with around 780 organisations throughout the world. He was heavily involved as a president of the World Wildlife Fund since it was founded in 1961.

In 1956, the prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award for young people. The DofE Award is a youth achievement programme for young people between 14 and 24 years old which aims to improve their life skills. So far, over 3.1m DofEs have been awarded.

Later Life

In 2017, at the age of 96, Prince Philip retired from public duties. He has eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. His eldest son, Prince Charles, is the next in line to the throne followed by his grandson Prince William and his great-grandson Prince George.



Glossary

abdicate: To step down as king or queen.

consort: A royal companion, usually the husband or wife of a king or queen.

coronation: The ceremony of crowning a new king or queen.

Questions

1. Where was Prince Philip born? Tick one.

- France
 Scotland
 Greece
 England

2. Draw **four** lines and match each event with the correct year.

1939	●
1956	●
1947	●
1961	●

●	Prince Philip and The Queen were married at Westminster Abbey.
●	The prince took part in a television interview.
●	The prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award.
●	Prince Philip became a cadet in the Royal Navy.

3. Find and copy a word from the text that means 'to leave a place of danger for a safer place'.

4. What is the name of Prince Philip's youth achievement programme?

5. Find and copy a word from the text that means 'royal companion'.

6. **He was heavily involved as a president of the World Wildlife Fund since it was founded in 1961.**

Explain what the phrase 'heavily involved' tells you about the prince's role.

7. **In 1961, the prince was the first member of the royal family to take part in a television interview.**

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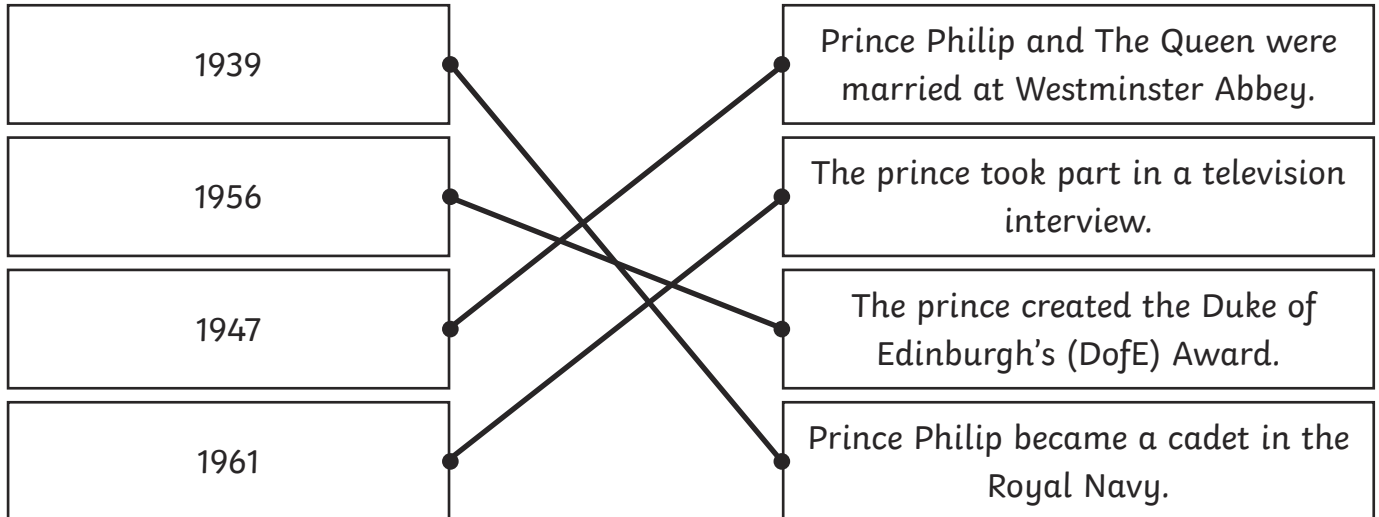
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evacuate

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award/DofE

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consort

6. **He was heavily involved as a president of the World Wildlife Fund since it was founded in 1961.**

Explain what the phrase 'heavily involved' tells you about the prince's role.

Pupils' own responses, such as: The phrase 'heavily involved' suggests that the prince cared about the charity and carried out lots of 'hands on' duties associated with the role.

7. **In 1961, the prince was the first member of the royal family to take part in a television interview.**

Predict why you think that people would have chosen to watch this television interview.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think people would have wanted to watch this television interview because no other member of the royal family had been interviewed for television before. They may have wanted to find out more about the prince, as a member of the royal family.

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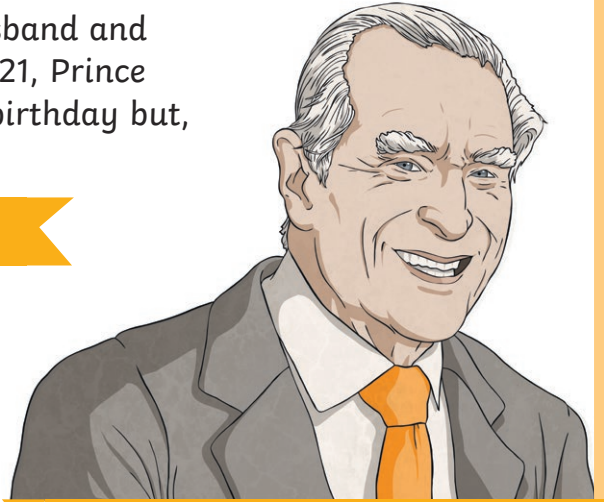
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Prince Philip retired from royal engagements in 2017 because he was getting older and felt that he needed to slow down. He may also have wanted to spend more time with his family.

9. Summarise Prince Philip's achievements in 30 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Prince Philip was a respected member of the British Navy during the Second World War. He was involved with many charities and organisations and created his own youth award.

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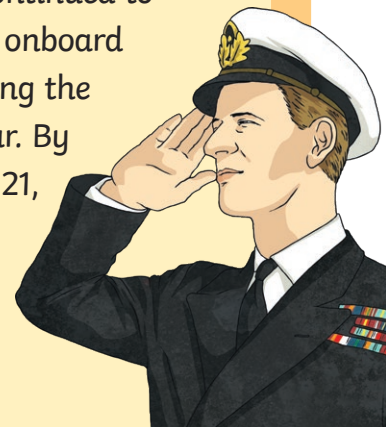
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When he was only 18 months old, Prince Philip and his family had no choice but to evacuate their home country on account of political instability: his uncle (Constantine I, King of Greece) was being forced to abdicate the throne. A Royal Navy ship was ordered to collect the family from Greece and a cot fashioned from an old orange box was used to escort a young Prince Philip to safety.

Prince Philip spent much of his early life moving around Europe. He was raised in France (where he learnt to speak fluent French) and attended school there before moving to England and studying at Cheam School in Berkshire. For a short time, the prince relocated to Germany before completing his schooling in Scotland, where he excelled.

Naval Career

In 1939, the year of the outbreak of the Second World War, Prince Philip became a cadet in the Royal Navy. Following a period of training, Prince Philip assumed the role of Midshipman onboard the battleship HMS RAMILLIES. He continued to serve in the navy onboard several ships during the Second World War. By the tender age of 21, Prince Philip had already risen to the rank of First Lieutenant.



Marriage to The Queen

Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth (as she was then known) were distant relations and had been acquainted since childhood. The pair are said to have exchanged letters for several years. Following the Second World War, Prince Philip proposed to Princess Elizabeth and they were married at a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey in 1947. The wedding was broadcast live worldwide on the radio. In order to marry Princess Elizabeth, Prince Philip renounced his

Greek titles and became a British citizen. Nevertheless, upon his marriage to the princess, Prince Philip was bestowed new titles: Duke of Edinburgh; Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich.

The royal couple went on to have four children: Prince Charles (born 1948); Princess Anne (born 1950); Prince Andrew (born 1960) and Prince Edward (born 1964). Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth attended many royal engagements together and the prince continued to serve with the Royal Navy until Princess Elizabeth's accession to the throne in 1952.

Interests and Royal Life

Much of Prince Philip's time was occupied with royal duties and engagements; he was the longest-serving consort and had accompanied The Queen for over 60 years.

Aside from royal duties, Prince Philip enjoyed aviation and flew all types of aircraft; he had earned both his helicopter 'wings' and his pilot's licence.

The prince had a keen interest in sport, the environment, engineering and technology and had published several books on these subjects. In 1961, the prince was the first member of the royal family to take part in a television interview.

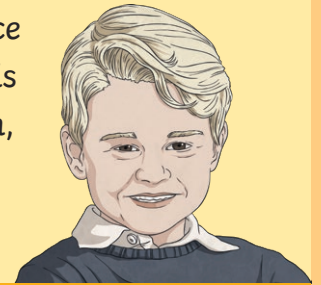
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In 2017, at the age of 96, Prince Philip retired from public engagements. He remained a devoted companion to The Queen and the couple have eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. His eldest son, Prince Charles, is the next in line to the throne followed by his grandson Prince William and his great-grandson, Prince George.



Questions

1. Which country did Prince Philip not live in as a child? Tick one.

- France
- Scotland
- Greece
- Austria

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- The World Wildlife Fund was created.

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Explain what the phrase 'devoted companion' tells you about Prince Philip's relationship with The Queen.

7. **He was heavily involved as a president of the World Wildlife Fund since it was founded in 1961.**

What kinds of activities do you think the prince undertook for the World Wildlife Fund?

8. Why do you think that no other royal family member had been interviewed on television before Prince Philip?

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Discuss why you think Prince Philip 'moved around' Europe.

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Explain what the phrase 'devoted companion' tells you about Prince Philip's relationship with The Queen.

Pupils' own responses, such as: The phrase 'devoted companion' tells us that Prince Philip dedicated himself fully to serving The Queen and accompanied her throughout their marriage.

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What kinds of activities do you think the prince undertook for the World Wildlife Fund?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the prince undertook many 'hands on' tasks for the World Wildlife Fund. I expect that he had travelled to different places and helped with projects as well as being involved with some of the decision making within the charity.

8. Why do you think that no other royal family member had been interviewed on television before Prince Philip?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that no other royal family member had been interviewed for television before because television interviews were a fairly new concept. The royal family are also quite private so may not have wanted this attention.

9. **Prince Philip spent much of his early life moving around Europe.**

Discuss why you think Prince Philip 'moved around' Europe.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Prince Philip moved around Europe because he was forced to leave his home in Greece. His family may still have been trying to find somewhere to settle and would have wanted him to get a good education.

10. What do you think was Prince Philip's greatest achievement? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Prince Philip's greatest achievement was the Duke of Edinburgh's Award because it has given so many young people the opportunity to gain important life skills.