David Walliams



Who Is David Walliams?

David Walliams is a comedian, actor and author. He is also a judge on a TV talent show and writes for TV. David raises money for the charity, Sport Relief, which helps people all over the world.

David's Childhood

David was born on 20th August 1971 in Merton, London. He was the child of Peter and Kathleen Williams. From a young age, he loved dressing up and his older sister Julie would often dress him up in girls' clothes for fun.

David went to school in Surrey, where his love of dressing up grew and his love of acting began. He was also on the school swimming team. At age 11, he acted in his first school play wearing a dress and made everyone laugh. This was the moment he knew that what he wanted to do with his life was make people laugh.

David the Author

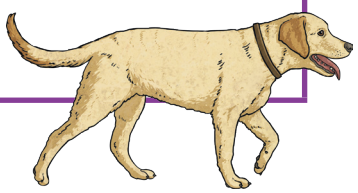
David had a successful TV career and his own TV show. But he wanted to write a book about how it's OK to be different. In 2008, he published 'The Boy in the Dress' about a boy who loves football and wearing dresses. The book sold over half a million copies.



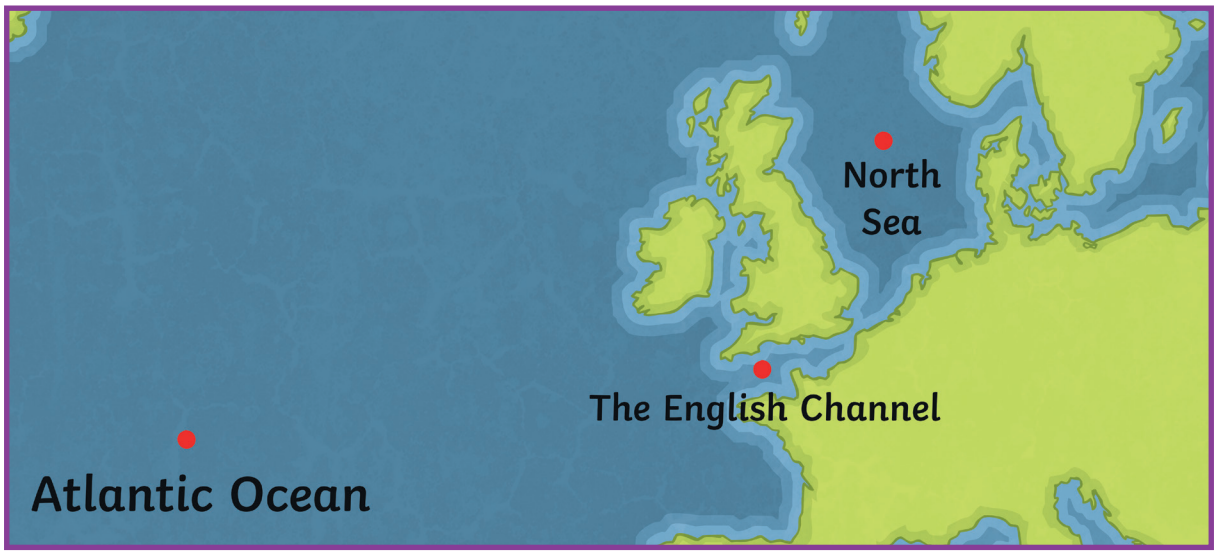
David has now written many chapter books for children and a number of picture books for younger readers. Some of his most famous books are 'Mr Stink', 'Billionaire Boy' and 'Gangsta Granny'. Many of his books are illustrated by Tony Ross, who also

Did You Know...?

- David changed his name from Williams to Walliams because there was already an actor called David Williams!
- When swimming in the river Thames, David rescued a Labrador dog that had fallen in the river!
- David has sold over 50 million books all over the world.



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illustrates the 'Horrid Henry' books. Many of David's books have now been filmed for TV and you can sometimes spot him acting in them too!

Charity Work

David has raised a lot of money for charity. In 2006, David swam the English Channel (from England to France) to raise money for Sport Relief. He swam 22 miles and raised over one million pounds. In 2011, David swam the length of the river Thames (140 miles) and raised more than two million pounds for Sport Relief. David was awarded an OBE by Queen Elizabeth II in 2017 for his charity work.

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Questions

1. What did David like doing as a child? Tick **two.**

   - ○ running
   - ○ dressing up
   - ○ writing
   - ○ acting

2. When was 'The Boy in the Dress' published? Tick one.

   - ○ 2004
   - ○ 2006
   - ○ 2008
   - ○ 2011

3. Draw lines to complete the sentences about David.

David has raised a lot of money for charity through	being different.
David wanted to write a book about	make people laugh.
David knew early on that he wanted to	swimming.

4. Number the events in David's life from 1-5 to show the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

   - ☐ David had a successful TV career.
   - [1] David was born the son of Peter and Kathleen Williams.
   - ☐ David published 'The Boy in the Dress'.
   - ☐ David acted in his first play.
   - ☐ David enjoyed dressing up with his sister.

5. Fill in the missing words in this sentence.

   David raised _____ million pounds for charity in 2011 and _____ million pounds for charity in 2006.

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6. What did David rescue when swimming the river Thames?

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7. Who has illustrated many of David's books? Why do you think he chose this illustrator?

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