

The Life of Prince Philip

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

What Was the Prince's Childhood Like?

Prince Philip was born in Greece on 10th June 1921. His royal title was 'Prince of Greece and Denmark'. The prince had four older sisters and his parents were Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg. Prince Philip and his family had to leave Greece when he was a baby because of problems in the country.

The prince joined the Royal Navy after he finished school and he fought for Britain during the Second World War.



Did You Know... ?

The prince left Greece on a ship inside a cot made from an old orange box.



When Did the Prince Meet The Queen?



Prince Philip had known The Queen since she was a young princess. They wrote letters to each other during the Second World War. The pair were married at Westminster Abbey in 1947.

The prince was given the new titles of Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich after he married The Queen.

The royal couple have four children called Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. They also have eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Their eldest son Prince Charles is the next to become king followed by his grandson Prince William and his great-grandson Prince George.

How Does the Prince Support The Queen?

Prince Philip was The Queen's royal **consort** for over 60 years. He spent most of his life performing **royal duties**. Prince Philip stopped his royal duties in 2017 when he was 96 years old.

Prince Philip had a strong interest in sport, the environment, science and technology. He was involved with hundreds of charities throughout the world. The prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people to help them to improve their life skills.

Did You Know... ?

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

Glossary

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

royal duties: Jobs carried out by the royal family, such as visits and attending events.

Questions

1. Where was Prince Philip born? Tick one.

- Germany
- England
- Greece
- Spain

2. How many children do Prince Philip and The Queen have? Tick one.

- four
- two
- eight
- nine

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence as it appears in the text.

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Prince Philip stopped his royal duties in 2017 ...	for over 60 years.
Prince Philip was The Queen's royal consort ...	when he was a baby.
Prince Philip had known The Queen...	when he was 96 years old.

4. What did Prince Philip join after he finished school? Tick one.

- Royal Air Force
- Royal Navy
- The Army
- The Ambulance Service

5. Fill in the missing word.

Their eldest son Prince _____ is the next to become king.

6. In what year did Prince Philip and The Queen get married?

7. Why do you think that Prince Philip and The Queen wrote letters to each other during the Second World War?

Answers

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7. Why do you think that Prince Philip and The Queen wrote letters to each other during the Second World War?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that they wrote letters to each other because they cared for each other, missed one another and wanted to stay in contact. This may have been the only way that they could keep in touch during the Second World War.

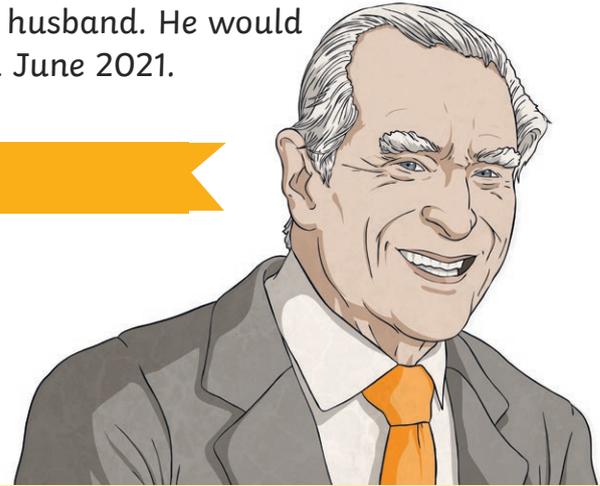
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Early Life

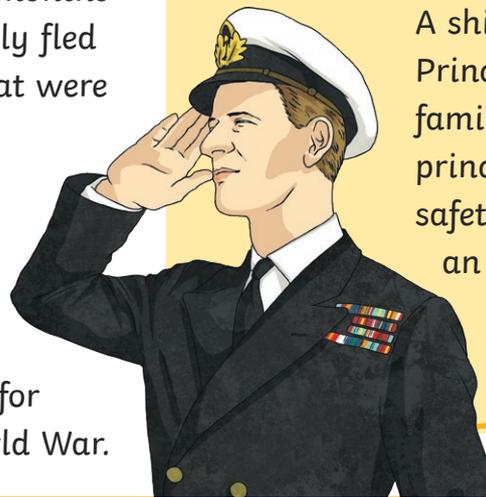
Prince Philip was born on the island of Corfu, Greece on 10th June 1921. When he was born, his title was 'Prince of Greece and Denmark'. His parents were Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg and he had four older sisters. When he was 18 months old, Prince Philip and his family fled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

Prince Philip then went to different schools around Europe. After finishing his education, he became a **cadet** in the Royal Navy and fought for Britain during the Second World War.



Did You Know... ?

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



Marriage to The Queen

Prince Philip had known The Queen since she was young. At the time, she was called Princess Elizabeth. After the Second World War, Prince Philip proposed to the princess and they were married at Westminster Abbey in 1947.

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

The royal couple have four children called Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. They also have eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Their eldest son Prince Charles is the next to become king followed by his grandson Prince William and his great-grandson Prince George.

Interests and Charity Work

As well as royal duties, Prince Philip enjoyed sport, the environment, science and technology.



Did You Know...?

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

Prince Philip was involved with hundreds of charities throughout the world. In 1956, the prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people to help them to improve their life skills.

Later Life

Prince Philip was The Queen's royal **consort** for over 60 years. He retired from **royal duties** in 2017 when he was 96 years old.



Glossary

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

citizen: A full member of a country.

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

royal duties: Jobs carried out by the royal family, such as visits and attending events.

Questions

1. Which was Prince Philip's title when he was born? Tick one.

- Prince of Greece and Germany
- Prince of Spain and England
- Prince of Holland and Denmark
- Prince of Greece and Denmark

2. Where did The Queen and Prince Philip get married?

- Buckingham Palace
- Westminster Abbey
- Windsor Castle
- The Tower of London

3. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- The prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people.
- Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth were married at Westminster Abbey.
- Prince Philip retired from royal duties.
- Prince Philip was born on the island of Corfu.

4. Which of the following titles does Prince Philip not hold? Tick one.

- Baron Greenwich
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Prince of Sussex
- Earl of Merioneth

5. Give the names of **two** of Prince Philip's children.

- _____
- _____

6. Find and copy one word from the text that means 'asked someone to marry them'.

7. Why do you think that a ship was sent to collect Prince Philip and his family from Greece?

8. Explain why you think that Prince Philip retired from royal duties in 2017.

Answers

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Accept any two of the following: Prince Charles; Princess Anne; Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

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proposed

7. Why do you think that a ship was sent to collect Prince Philip and his family from Greece?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think a ship was sent to collect Prince Philip and his family from Greece because it may no longer have been safe for them to stay there. The ship may also have been safer than travelling by land.

8. Explain why you think that Prince Philip retired from royal duties in 2017.

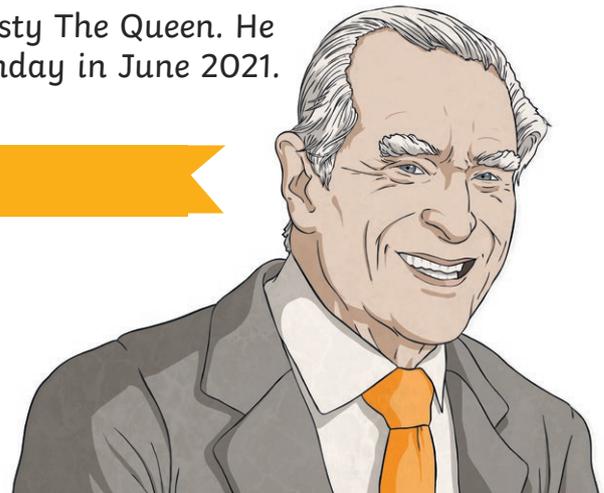
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Prince Philip retired from royal duties because he was 96 years old and may have wanted to slow down. He was The Queen's consort for over 60 years so may have felt it was time to relax and spend time with his family.

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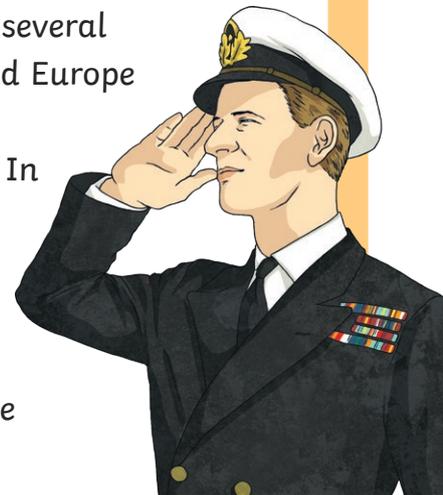
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Early Life

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Prince Philip attended several different schools around Europe before completing his education in Scotland. In 1939, he then went on to become a **cadet** in the Royal Navy where 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.

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.

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.



Interests and Charity Work

Members of the royal family attend around 2,000 **official engagements** every year. Prince Philip was the longest-serving British **consort** and accompanied The Queen for over 60 years. As well as these royal duties, Prince Philip enjoyed sport, the environment, engineering and technology. The prince had a love of flying and could fly most types of planes.

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.

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.



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.

official engagements: Visits and appointments carried out by the royal family.

Questions

1. **Prince Philip was The Queen's royal consort for over 60 years.**

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

- visitor
- companion
- performance
- advisor

2. Number the events from 1-5 to show the order they happened in. The first one has been done for you.

- Prince Philip became a cadet in the Royal Navy.
- The World Wildlife Fund was set up.
- 1 Prince Philip was born on the island of Corfu, Greece.
- The prince stopped serving in the Royal Navy.
- The prince created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people.

3. Why did Prince Philip and his family have to leave Greece?

4. Find and copy one word which shows that Prince Philip was a royal consort for longer than anyone else.

5. What did Prince Philip give up when he married Princess Elizabeth?

6. Why do you think that an orange box was used for the cot that transported Prince Philip?

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Explain why you think that the royal family attends these engagements.

8. Summarise what you have learnt about Prince Philip.

Answers

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3. Why did Prince Philip and his family have to leave Greece?

Prince Philip and his family had to leave Greece because of political problems (that were affecting his uncle, Constantine I, King of Greece).

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longest-serving

5. What did Prince Philip give up when he married Princess Elizabeth?

Prince Philip gave up his Greek titles so that he could marry The Queen.

6. Why do you think that an orange box was used for the cot that transported Prince Philip?
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that an orange box was used to transport Prince Philip because it would have been quick and easy to make into a cot if they were leaving in a hurry. I also think that a normal cot would be too big and heavy to be carried on a ship.

7. **Members of the royal family attend around 2,000 official engagements every year.**

Explain why you think that the royal family attends these engagements.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the royal family attends these engagements because it is important for them to meet with people. They may also represent The Queen at engagements that she cannot attend.

8. Summarise what you have learnt about Prince Philip.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I have learnt that Prince Philip was born in Greece then joined the Royal Navy during the Second World War. He was involved with many charities and started his own award for young people called the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.