

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?

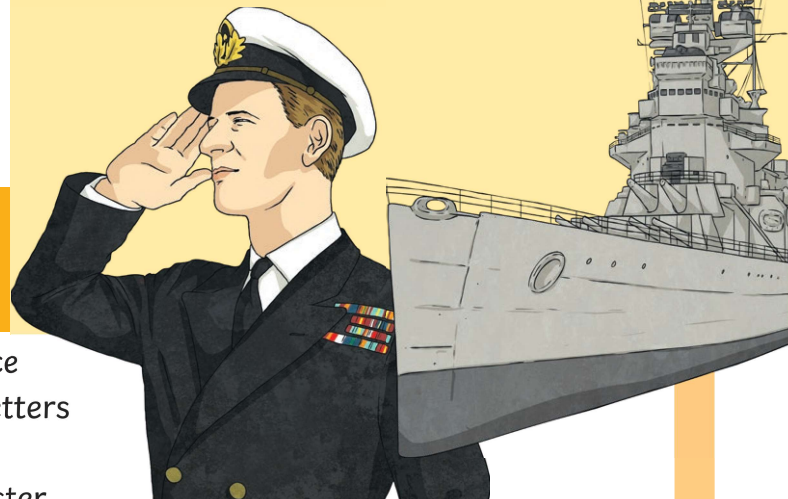
Prince Philip was born in Greece on 10th June 1921. His royal title was 'Prince of Greece and Denmark'. The prince had four older sisters and his parents were Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg. Prince Philip and his family had to leave Greece when he was a baby because of problems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