

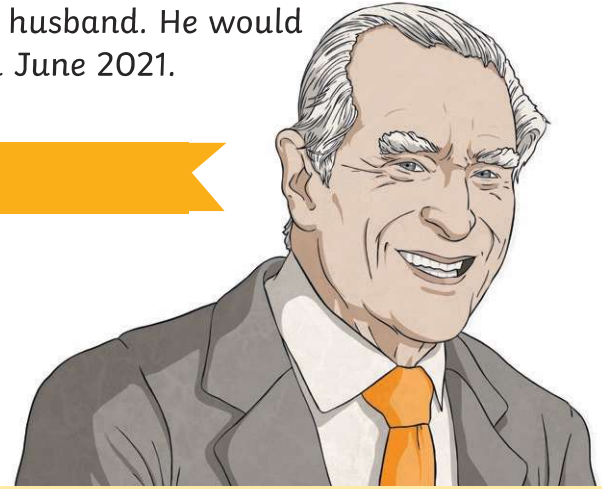
The Life of Prince Philip

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.

Early Life

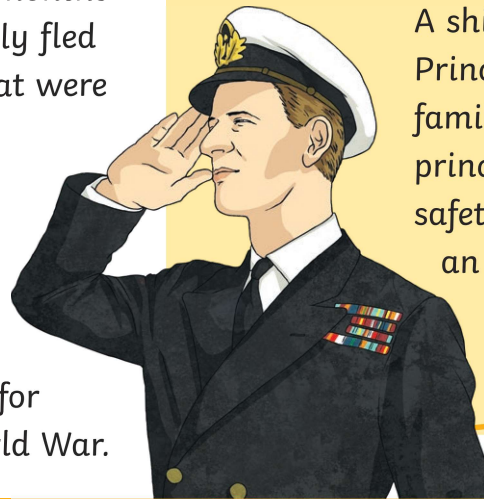
Prince Philip was born on the island of Corfu, Greece on 10th June 1921. When he was born, his title was 'Prince of Greece and Denmark'. His parents were Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg and he had four older sisters. When he was 18 months old, Prince Philip and his family fled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