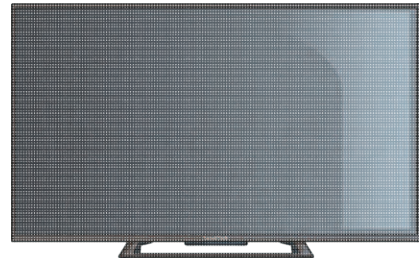


David Walliams

Who Is David Walliams?

David Walliams is a comedian, actor and children's author. He is also a judge on a television talent show and writes scripts for television. David raises money for the charity Sport Relief, which helps people worldwide.



David's Childhood

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

David went to school in Surrey, where his love of dressing up continued and his love of acting began. He was also on the school swimming team. Aged 11, he performed in his first school play wearing a dress and made the audience laugh. This was the moment he realised that what he wanted to do with his life was entertain people.

David the Actor

After studying drama at the University of Bristol, David changed his surname from Williams to Walliams because there was already an actor called David Williams! David finally got his "big break", co-writing and co-starring in a television show.

David the Author

David had a successful television career but he decided to try something new. He wanted to write a book with the message that 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 twelve chapter books for children and six picture books for younger readers, which have sold over eight million copies worldwide. His most famous books include 'Mr Stink', 'Billionaire Boy', 'Gangsta Granny' and 'Ratburger'. He often works with the illustrator Quentin Blake, who also illustrated Roald Dahl's books. Many of David's books have now been filmed for television and he

sometimes appears in these films as an actor!

Amazing Charity Work



David has raised a lot of money for charity through swimming. In July 2006, David swam the **English Channel** to raise money for Sport Relief. He swam 22 miles, the same distance as 700 lengths of an Olympic-sized swimming pool! He raised over one million pounds.

In September 2011, David swam the length of the river Thames (140 miles) and raised more than two million pounds for Sport Relief.

In 2017, he was awarded an **OBE** for his work in charity and the arts.

Glossary

engineer: A person who designs or builds machines, engines, equipment or bridges.

English Channel: The body of water between England and France.

lab technician: A person who assists or carries out work in a laboratory.

OBE: An award presented by The Queen, standing for Officer of the Order of the British Empire.



Write An Autobiography

Do you think you could write about someone you know well? Yourself!!

Here is a list of questions that can help you to think about when you are writing. Select a few of them to get started but you can come up with your own ones too.



What's your Story?

What is your full name?

Have you any nicknames?

When and where were you born?

Where did you grow up? What kind of place is it?

Have you any brothers or sisters?

Who is your childhood hero?

Do you have any pets?

Where do you go to school? Do you like it?

Who are your friends?

What do you do during the summer holidays?

What is your favourite game?

What kind of hobbies do you have?

What kind of music do you like?

What makes you happy?

Are there any funny things that have happened to you that might be good to include?

What is your happiest memory?

Where have you travelled in the world?

Where was your favourite place?

What are you most proud of?