

David Walliams

David Walliams is a comedian, actor and author. He has also been a judge on TV talent shows and written scripts for TV.

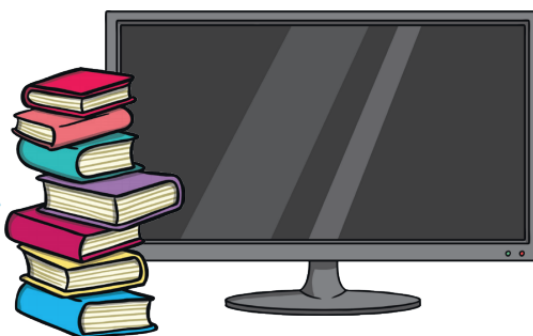
David's Childhood

David was born in Merton, London. His dad, Peter, was an engineer and his mum, Kathleen, was a lab technician. He went to school in Surrey, where he started acting and had to dress up in a wedding dress which made people laugh.

David the Author

David was a famous comedian and had his own TV show with his friend Matt Lucas, but he had always wanted to be an author.

David wanted to write a book with the message that it's OK to be different. In 2008, he published *The Boy in the Dress* - a story 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. His books are illustrated by the famous illustrators Quentin Blake or Tony Ross.



Did You Know...?

David changed his surname from Williams to Walliams because there was already an actor called David Williams!

Many of his books have been turned into films, and David often appears in them as an actor! His most famous books include Mr Stink, Billionaire Boy, Gangsta Granny and Ratburger.

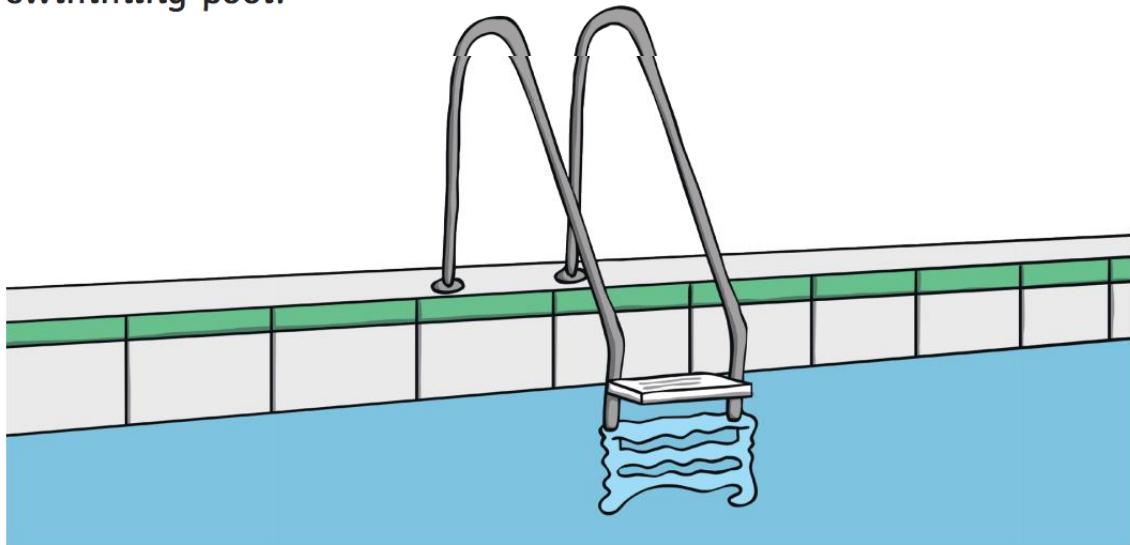


Amazing Charity Work

David has raised lots of money for charity. In 2006, David swam the English Channel to raise money for Sport Relief. It took him 10 hours and 34 minutes to swim 22 miles. This is the same distance as 700 lengths of an Olympic-sized swimming pool!

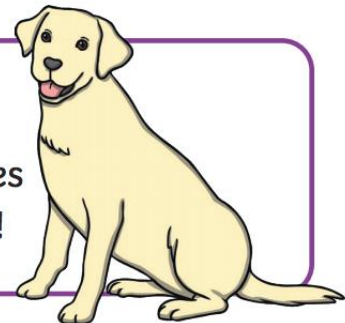
Did You Know...?

David has an OBE. This is an important award given by The Queen.



Did You Know...?

When David was swimming the river Thames for charity, he saved a dog from drowning!



Questions

1. Where in London was David born? Tick one.

- Pimlico
- Merton
- Brixton

2. Number these events in David's life in the order they happened.

- David published his first book, *The Boy in the Dress*.
- David became a famous comedian with his own TV show.
- He went on to write many more books.
- David started acting at school.

3. When at school, what did David do that made people laugh?

4. Find and copy one word that describes David's charity work.

5. What message did David want his book to have?

It's OK to be _____

6. What do you think is the **best** thing David has done so far in his life? Give two reasons for your answer.
