

# David Suzuki

David Suzuki is a Canadian **scientist**. He became famous for helping Canadians learn more about science. He teaches people about nature and how they can help to protect the **environment**.

David is a Japanese Canadian. A Japanese Canadian is someone who is a Canadian citizen and has **ancestors** from Japan.

## Growing Up

David was born in 1936 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Later, David's family moved to Ontario. After high school, David went to university in the United States to become a scientist. Then he returned to Canada and taught at a university in British Columbia.



## Teaching People About Nature

When David was young, his father helped him to become interested in **nature**. As a scientist, David learned more about nature and the environment. He saw that people can help or hurt nature. He wanted to share his knowledge with people who were not scientists.

In 1970, David started a television show about science for kids. Four years later, he started a radio show about science for adults. He went on to create many more television shows about science and nature. Some of these television shows won awards and were seen in countries around the world.

David has written more than 50 books about science, including many books for kids. His books and television shows teach people that it is important to care about nature. They also tell people what they can do to help protect nature and the environment.



## **“David Suzuki”—Think About It**

1. There are many different topics in science. What science topics is David most interested in?

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2. Which Canadian province has David lived in at two different times?

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3. What are three things David has done to share his knowledge with people who are not scientists?

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4. Which two facts in the text tell you that David thinks it is important for young people to learn about science?

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5. Why do people around the world know who David Suzuki is?

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