

A SCIENTIST JUST LIKE ME



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Marine biologist

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Hi there! I am Dawood Qureshi – A marine biologist



Where do I work?

I study Marine Biology at the University of Portsmouth.

What did I like doing when I was at school?

When I was at school, I wanted to study animals and nature, and to be a scientist, but I also loved art.

What do I like doing in my spare time?

I love to draw, read, play music, write and sing in my spare time. I particularly love drawing - it's a big hobby of mine.

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What do I do as a marine biologist?



I study wildlife in the ocean, such as dolphins, whales, fish and even crabs, and I get to see these creatures up close sometimes! As marine biologists, we get to see the world and travel the seas, and to understand the life that exists in our oceans.

How does what I do make the world a better place?

I am trying to save the world's oceans from becoming filled with rubbish, and to help save all the animals that live in these oceans. My work helps with knowing where families of whales or dolphins are, so we can save them from being hit by ships or caught by hunters.

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What I like about my job

I love the ocean, and I love wildlife. I love that I get to see beautiful animals up close and to interact with them. I also get to save them, and to save their homes, so they can live in this world safely.

Challenges I have faced

I was told a lot of the time that I would not make a lot of money in this job, and that I should go for another one, but money isn't what makes you happy. I decided to make my own decisions and go for a job that made me happy and excited to come to work every day.



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If you want to be a marine biologist, you need:

- ✦ **to be interested in nature** and to have a passion for the oceans
- ✦ **to be patient** as it sometimes takes a long time to see results of tests, or to see an animal in the wild
- ✦ **to be adventurous** - even if you're in a lab and not actually travelling, you need to want to explore the unknown
- ✦ **to be kind** as you are a carer of the oceans; kindness to humans and animals alike is to best quality you can have



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Discussion time

- ✦ Would you like to be a marine biologist like Dawood Qureshi?

Why? Why not?



- ✦ What skills and interests do you already have that would help you become a marine biologist?
- ✦ What new skills and knowledge would you need to develop?

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Free supporting resources for marine biology

[Why & How Newsletter](#) (Autumn 2019) – see ‘Microplastics in our seas’

[I bet you didn't know...](#) articles use cutting-edge science research as a context for learning. Teacher Guides describing the research and activities and investigations for children can be used as classroom presentations. See:

- Whale song is changing
- How to calculate the age of a shark

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