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Doctor Who - **Series 8 - Complete**

Screenwriters:

Steven Moffat, Mark Gatiss, Gareth Roberts, Phil Ford, Jamie Mathieson, Peter Harness

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Storyline

The eighth series of the British science fiction television programme Doctor Who began on 23 August 2014 with "Deep Breath" and ended with "Death in Heaven" on 8 November 2014. The series was officially ordered in May 2013, and led by head writer and executive producer Steven Moffat, alongside executive producer Brian Minchin. Nikki Wilson, Peter Bennett and Paul Frift served as producers. The series is the eighth to air following the programme's revival in 2005, the thirty-fourth season overall, and the first series since series five not to be split into two parts.

The series is the first to star Peter Capaldi as the Twelfth Doctor, an alien Time Lord who travels through time and space in his TARDIS, which appears to be a British police box on the outside. It also stars Jenna Coleman as his companion, Clara Oswald. Also playing a major recurring role in the series is Samuel Anderson as Danny Pink, Clara's boyfriend. The main story arc revolves around a mysterious woman called Missy (portrayed by Michelle Gomez), who is often seen welcoming people who have died throughout the series to the "Promised Land", a place that serves as an apparent afterlife to deceased characters. Missy's true identity is later revealed to be the Doctor's arch-enemy, the Master, who has hatched a plan using the help of the Cybermen and through manipulation of the Doctor and Clara's relationship.

Steven Moffat was directly involved with the writing of seven episodes; he received sole credit for four episodes, and was credited as a co-writer for the remaining three. Other writers who worked on this series included Phil Ford, Mark Gatiss, Stephen Thompson, Gareth Roberts, Peter Harness, Jamie Mathieson (who wrote two), and novelist Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Directors of the series included ones who had previously worked with Moffat on the show, and brand new ones. Filming began on 6 January 2014 and lasted exactly seven months, ending on 6 August.

The series premiere was watched by 9.17 million viewers, the highest ratings for a premiere since Matt Smith's first episode as the Doctor back in 2010. Ratings remained consistent throughout the course of the series, seeing a low of 6.71 million viewers with the episode "Flatline", and ended with 7.60 million people watching the finale (up 150,000 viewers from the previous season finale). The eighth series became the highest-rated series ever in the US with an average audience of 2.04 million viewers. Critical reaction to the series was highly positive, with praise going to the writing, directing, and acting, with a number of individual episodes receiving critical acclaim.

Cast

The show's star from 2010, Matt Smith announced in June 2013 that he would be leaving Doctor Who following the 2013 Christmas episode "The Time of the Doctor". His replacement was announced, after several weeks of speculation, on a special live broadcast called Doctor Who Live: The Next Doctor on 4 August as Peter Capaldi, who up to that point was best known for portraying spin doctor Malcolm Tucker in the BBC comedy series *The Thick of It*. Capaldi had previously appeared on the show as Caecilius in "The Fires of Pompeii", as well as John Frobisher in the Doctor Who spin-off *Torchwood: Children of Earth*.

In October 2013, actress Neve McIntosh stated in an interview that recurring characters Madame Vastra, Jenny Flint and Strax (known to fans as "the Paternoster Gang") were due to return in the series premiere "Deep Breath". On 24 February 2014, it was announced that Gavin & Stacey actor Samuel Anderson would join the cast as the recurring character Danny Pink, a teacher and Clara's colleague at Coal Hill School.

Beyond the return of the Paternoster Gang, and the casting of Samuel Anderson, the first major guest star of the series was announced in March 2014 when it was revealed that Keeley Hawes had been cast in episode five as a character named Ms. Delphox. Subsequently, Tom Riley, Ben Miller, Hermione Norris, Frank Skinner, Foxes, Christopher Fairbank, Sanjeev Bhaskar, and Chris Addison were cast in guest roles.

Jemma Redgrave and Ingrid Oliver reprised their roles of Kate Stewart and Osgood, respectively, last seen in the fiftieth anniversary special "The Day of the Doctor", in the two-part series final "Dark Water" / "Death in Heaven". Michelle Gomez was later cast as a character named Missy, described as "The Gatekeeper of the Nether sphere" and was originally announced to be featured in the series finale; however, Gomez also appeared in the series' first, second,

sixth, ninth and tenth episodes as part of a recurring story arc. In "Dark Water", it was revealed that Missy is in fact The Master, with Gomez taking over the role from John Simm.

See also: *List of Doctor Who episodes (2005–present)*

The first episode of the series, "[Deep Breath](#)", has a running time of 76 minutes, making it - at the time - the second-longest episode of the revived *Doctor Who* era beginning in 2005, the longest being "[The Day of the Doctor](#)" with a running time of 77 minutes (this episode was eventually beaten by "[The Power of the Doctor](#)", with its 88 minute runtime, in 2022).^[2] As with the previous series, Series 8 consists mainly of standalone episodes; the series finale was the first two-part story after "[The Rebel Flesh](#)" / "[The Almost People](#)" from the midpoint of *Series 6* in 2011.

No. story	No. in series	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original air date	UK viewers (millions) ^[3]	AI ^[3]
242	1	" Deep Breath "	Ben Wheatley	Steven Moffat	23 August 2014	9.17	82

In [Victorian](#) London, a dinosaur spits out the [TARDIS](#) onto the banks of the [River Thames](#). The newly-regenerated [Twelfth Doctor](#), and [Clara](#), emerge from the TARDIS. The Doctor rests at the [Paternoster Gang](#)'s residence to recover. After the [spontaneous combustion](#) of the dinosaur, the Doctor and Clara take on the case of the dinosaur's death and similar recent human combustions. The Doctor and Clara are called to a restaurant, where they find it is part of a spaceship that crashed in the past and is filled with humanoid robots. Upon Clara's prompting, the robots' cyborg control node, the Half-Face Man, reveals that he is trying to reach the "promised land" and killed the dinosaur to use her as parts for his computer. The Doctor confronts the Half-Face Man, claiming the Half-Face Man does not want to continue his existence because of how many times his body was replaced. The Half-Face Man falls to his death from a hot-air balloon, and the other robots go lifeless. Unsure about continuing to travel with the new Doctor, Clara is convinced by a phone call from the [Eleventh Doctor](#). Meanwhile, the Half-Face Man awakes in the promised land, greeted by a woman called Missy.

243	2	" Into the Dalek "	Ben Wheatley	Phil Ford and Steven Moffat	30 August 2014	7.29	84
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Clara asks fellow [Coal Hill School](#) teacher and former soldier [Danny Pink](#) out for a drink. The Doctor brings Clara to the human rebel ship *[Aristotle](#)* to help the "good" [Dalek](#) [Rusty](#), despite the Doctor's contention that Daleks cannot be turned good. The Doctor, Clara, and a team of rebels from the *[Aristotle](#)* are miniaturised and sent into Rusty. The Doctor repairs Rusty's power cell, but it reverts to its old way of thinking and forgets the memory of seeing the beauty of a star being born that had made it want to destroy the other Daleks. It sends a message to the Dalek mothership, giving the other Daleks the rebel ship's location. Clara awakens Rusty's memory of seeing the star being born. In an attempt to show Rusty the beauty of the universe, the Doctor connects his mind with Rusty's. Rusty, however, sees the Doctor's hatred for the Daleks, and decides to exterminate its own race. The Doctor turns down the surviving soldier [Journey's](#) offer to travel with him.

244	3	" Robot of Sherwood "	Paul Murphy	Mark Gatiss	6 September 2014	7.28	82
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The Doctor and Clara meet the outlaw [Robin Hood](#) in [Sherwood Forest](#). The Doctor wins a duel against Robin by knocking him into a river. Robin takes part in an archery contest against the [Sheriff of Nottingham](#). The Doctor challenges Robin before blowing up the target. The Doctor allows the Sheriff's robot knights to capture him, Robin and Clara so he can learn more about the Sheriff's plans. The Doctor and Clara discover the Sheriff has been trying to repair a crashed spaceship and intends to repair its circuitry with the countryside's gold, so that he can take over the world. However, there is not enough gold to make orbit, and the damage to the engines would destroy half of England. Robin defeats the Sheriff in a duel by knocking him into a gold vat. Since Robin's arm is injured (and the Doctor cheated during the archery contest), the Doctor, Clara, and Robin work together to fire the golden arrow from the contest into the ship, which then climbs into orbit and detonates harmlessly. The Doctor admits that Robin will be remembered as a legend rather than as a man, and finds [Maid Marian](#) for him before departing.

245	4	" Listen "	Douglas Mackinnon	Steven Moffat	13 September 2014	7.01	82
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After a failed date with Danny, Clara returns to her home to find the Doctor awaiting her. He seeks a creature he believes has perfected its ability to hide and is related to a childhood fear everyone has of a hand grabbing someone's leg from under the bed. Clara tries to home in on her childhood using the TARDIS' telepathic circuits, but lands at the children's home where Danny, as a boy called Rupert, grew up. The Doctor comforts Rupert from his fear when something under his bedspread scares him. After failing to apologise to Danny on the date, Clara is beckoned back to the TARDIS by time traveller [Orson Pink](#). Clara is taken to the [end of the universe](#) where Orson's ship was stranded and the Doctor attempts to observe the hiding creature. When something on the ship knocks the Doctor out, Clara triggers the TARDIS' departure to a barn, where she finds a crying child. Hiding beneath the bed, she realises that the child is the Doctor. When the boy gets up, Clara accidentally grabs his leg. She comforts him with the Doctor's previous advice to Rupert. Orson is returned home, and Clara and Danny reconcile.

246	5	"Time Heist"	Douglas Mackinnon	Stephen Thompson and Steven Moffat	20 September 2014	6.99	84
<p>The TARDIS' phone rings in Clara's apartment, and the Doctor and Clara find themselves in a strange chamber suffering from memory loss along with Psi the augmented human and Saibra the mutant human. They have been recruited by the Architect to rob the Bank of Karabraxos. The quartet collect the tools required for their heist, before witnessing a mysterious alien named the Teller melt the brain of a criminal with its psychic abilities. Saibra is later caught by the Teller and activates an atomic shredder to dissolve herself, and Psi soon follows her in the same manner. Clara and the Doctor gain access to the vaults of the bank to gain the rewards of their heist, and proceed to the Private Vault, after finding Psi and Saibra; the shredders were really teleporters. The Doctor regains his lost memories back from the Teller, revealing himself as the Architect, set up to rejoin the Teller with the only other one of its species, after the bank's director, Madame Karabraxos, regretted leaving the Teller's mate in the vault to die in a solar storm and phoned the TARDIS. The Teller frees its mate. The Doctor takes the two aliens away to live out their lives.</p>							
247	6	"The Caretaker"	Paul Murphy	Gareth Roberts and Steven Moffat	27 September 2014	6.82	83
<p>Clara is trying to maintain two separate lives: one as the Doctor's companion, and the other as a schoolteacher in a relationship with Danny. The Doctor goes into deep cover as the caretaker at Coal Hill. Tracking the Skovox Blitzter, one of the deadliest machines created, he plans to displace it a billion years into the future where nothing else can be harmed. Danny accidentally tampers with the Doctor's trap, and the Skovox Blitzter is only sent 74 hours into the future. The Doctor learns of Danny's relationship with Clara, and Danny about Clara's double life. The Doctor believes that Clara made an error in dating a soldier. When the Skovox Blitzter rematerialises earlier than expected, the three work together to trick it into deactivating. Danny warns Clara about the Doctor pushing her into dangerous actions. A disintegrated community support officer awakens in the promised land, also called the Nethersphere, being greeted Missy's assistant Seb.</p>							
248	7	"Kill the Moon"	Paul Wilmshurst	Peter Harness	4 October 2014	6.91	82
<p>The Doctor takes Clara and her student Courtney on a trip. They arrive in 2049 on a Space Shuttle to the Moon with one hundred nuclear bombs. Noting the Moon's higher gravity and meeting Captain Lundvik, the Doctor questions her, where he's told that her team are on a suicide mission to blow up the Moon. A sudden mass high tide had threatened humanity's existence. Miners are found entombed in spider webs. The Doctor notices from the miners' photographs that the Moon is starting to break apart. A spider-like being attacks the group. The Doctor determines that the Moon is an egg, with the creature inside ready to hatch. The Doctor abandons them, forcing Lundvik, Clara, and Courtney to decide the fate of the creature. They let Earth's population decide; people of Earth vote to destroy the creature. Clara intervenes and stops the bombs' countdown, and the Doctor rescues them from the Moon. From Earth, they watch the creature hatch and the shell disintegrate, with the creature laying a new egg as a new Moon. Clara confronts the Doctor, claiming that it was his decision to make too. She leaves the Doctor, to be comforted by Danny.</p>							
249	8	"Mummy on the Orient Express"	Paul Wilmshurst	Jamie Mathieson	11 October 2014	7.11	85
<p>Clara rejoins the Doctor for one last outing before she leaves the TARDIS and the Doctor. They arrive on a train which travels through space, which is modelled after Orient Express. The Doctor then discovers that an elderly woman called Mrs. Pitt has recently been murdered by a mummy only she could see. When other occupants die in the same way, the Doctor realises that the mummy, identified as a legendary entity called the Foretold, is invisible to all but the one about to die. Once it is seen, it kills its victim in exactly sixty-six seconds. The train's computer program, Gus, reveals to the Doctor that he has tasked him to capture the Foretold. The Doctor discovers that it is a dead soldier powered by phase-shifting technology with unfinished business. The Doctor discharges the soldier by surrendering, and the train's occupants are saved. The Doctor uses the phase-shifting technology to teleport the train's occupants to safety. After a conversation with the Doctor about whether or not he is really cold-hearted, Clara decides she is not ready to leave him yet, and they set off on further adventures together.</p>							
250	9	"Flatline"	Douglas Mackinnon	Jamie Mathieson	18 October 2014	6.71	85
<p>Arriving in Bristol, the Doctor and Clara find the TARDIS has shrunk on the outside. Clara investigates the area, encountering a young graffiti artist named Riggy, while the Doctor stays in the TARDIS until it has shrunk down to a handheld size, theorising that something was leaching its external dimensions. The Doctor tells Clara that the thing they are facing is an alien from a universe with two dimensions which is flattening people that went missing on Riggy's estate. The creatures, known as the Boneless, can make 3D objects 2D. Clara, Riggy, and community service people run from the Boneless into tunnels. The Doctor creates a device that can change the dimensions of objects similarly to the Boneless. The Doctor turns on Siege Mode to prevent the TARDIS from being damaged, but leaving him without enough power to deactivate Siege Mode. The Boneless have also learned to make themselves three-dimensional, and assume guises of the people they have flattened. Clara has Riggy tricks the creatures into restoring the TARDIS by placing the TARDIS on the other side of a fake door Riggy painted. The Doctor uses its power to send the Boneless back into their dimension.</p>							
251	10	"In the Forest of the Night"	Sheree Folkson	Frank Cottrell-Boyce	25 October 2014	6.92	83
<p>Clara's student Maebh knocks on the TARDIS after hearing a thought from Clara to find the Doctor. The Doctor answers, and realises that a forest has grown over the world. Clara and Danny lead a group of students out into the new forest after a museum sleepover. They regroup in Trafalgar Square to recover Maebh. The Doctor realises Maebh is missing, and he and Clara set out to find her. They find Maebh. Some bug-like creatures talk through Maebh, telling them they had grown the forest and previous big forests. The Doctor believes a giant solar flare Maebh predicted in her notebook is heading towards Earth. Heading back to the TARDIS, the Doctor offers an escape route. Clara refuses to become the last of her kind, and Danny decides to stay with the students. The Doctor realises the trees have grown to protect Earth. Maebh reads off a message prepared by the other students to send a message to the world to not destroy the trees. Danny tells Clara he wants to know the truth about her travels with the Doctor and asks her to think about it first. The solar flare passes by harmlessly and the excess trees disappear.</p>							

252a	11	"Dark Water"	Rachel Talalay	Steven Moffat	1 November 2014	7.34	85
<p>While Clara attempts to gain the courage to tell Danny about her life with the Doctor, Danny is killed. Clara attempts to blackmail the Doctor into saving Danny. The Doctor removes her from the dream state he placed on her and uses the TARDIS' telepathic interface to find Danny. The Doctor and Clara are brought to the 3W Institute, in which skeletons are contained in a blue liquid called "dark water" that hides the exoskeletons that support the skeletons. In an apparent afterlife called the Nethersphere, Danny is being consoled by Seb for his death. Missy greets the Doctor and Clara. The scientist Doctor Chang explains that the dead are conscious. Meanwhile, Missy awakens the skeletons and the tanks begin to drain. Clara talks with Danny, but Danny refuses to let her be with him in death. The skeletons are revealed to be Cybermen. Missy tells the Doctor that dying minds are uploaded to the Nethersphere—a Time Lord "hard drive"—where emotions are deleted and the mind is downloaded into Cyberman bodies. The Doctor and Missy exit and find themselves on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral. Missy reveals that she is the Master.</p>							
252b	12	"Death in Heaven"	Rachel Talalay	Steven Moffat	8 November 2014	7.60	83
<p>Cybermen detonate themselves around the British Isles, to reincarnate and transform the dead into Cybermen with clouds that rain "Cyberpollen". Similar events occur all over the world. Danny is one of these Cybermen, and he rescues Clara. UNIT bring the Doctor and Missy aboard a plane, where the Doctor is inducted "President of Earth". Missy overpowers UNIT, kills Osgood, and blows up the plane. She reveals she gave Clara the phone number to the TARDIS. The Doctor reunites with Clara and Danny in a graveyard. Danny reveals that a forthcoming rainfall will convert all living people into Cybermen. Missy arrives and gifts the Doctor with control of the Cybermen to prove he and Missy are the same. The Doctor refuses and gives control to Danny, who leads other Cybermen into exploding and stopping the rainfall. Missy claims the planet Gallifrey is in its original location. The Doctor threatens to kill Missy to prevent Clara from doing so herself. Missy is seemingly disintegrated by Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart, reanimated as a Cyberman. Clara and the Doctor bid farewell with lies to each other: Clara tells the Doctor that Danny was brought back from the Nethersphere, and the Doctor tells Clara he found Gallifrey.</p>							

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Sex & Nudity – None, **Violence & Gore**- Mild, **Profanity**- Mild, **Alcohol, drugs & smoking**- None, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Moderate

The Doctors:



William Hartnell (1963-66)



Paterick Troughton (1966-69)



Jon Pertwee (1970-74)



Tom Baker (1974-81)





Peter Davison (1982-84)



Colin Baker (1984-86)



Sylvester McCoy (1987-89)



Paul McGann (1996)



Christopher Eccleston (2005)



David Tennant (2005-2010)



Matt Smith (2010-2013)



Peter Capaldi (2013-2017)



Jodie Whittaker (2018-2022)



David Tennant (2023)



Ncuti Gatwa (2024-)

So Far!.....

2023

First Doctor: William Hartnell
 Second Doctor: Patrick Troughton
 Third Doctor: Jon Pertwee
 Fourth Doctor: Tom Baker
 Fifth Doctor: Peter Davison
 Sixth Doctor: Colin Baker
 Valeyard: Michael Jayston
 Seventh Doctor: Sylvester McCoy
 Eighth Doctor: Paul McGann
 Ninth Doctor: Christopher Eccleston
 Tenth Doctor: David Tennant
 Meta-Crisis Doctor: David Tennant
 Eleventh Doctor: Matt Smith
 War Doctor: John Hurt
 Twelfth Doctor: Peter Capaldi
 Thirteenth Doctor: Jodie Whittaker
 Fugitive Doctor: Jo Martin
 Fourteenth Doctor: David Tennant
 Fifteenth Doctor: Ncuti Gatwa
 How many actors have played The Doctor?

How many actors have played The Doctor?
 19 actors have played the role of The Doctor so far.

While there are officially 15 numbered Doctors, due to alternative versions of the character as mentioned in the list above, there have actually been 19 different incarnations of the Time Lord over the years.

This list is specific to the TV show however and doesn't take into account spin-off material, such as the 1965/66 films where actor Peter Cushing played the protagonist.

