



# 1 - Title: Dr Who – Fifth Series - Complete

## Storyline

The sixth series of British science fiction television programme Doctor Who was shown in two parts. The first seven episodes were broadcast from April to June 2011, beginning with "The Impossible Astronaut" and ending with mid-series finale "A Good Man Goes to War". The final six episodes aired from August to October, beginning with "Let's Kill Hitler" and ending with "The Wedding of River Song". The main series was preceded by "A Christmas Carol", the 2010 Christmas special. The series was led by head writer and executive producer Steven Moffat, alongside executive producers Beth Willis and Piers Wenger. Sanne Wohlenberg, Marcus Wilson, and Denise Paul served as producers. The series was the sixth to air following the programme's revival in 2005 after the classic era aired between 1963 and 1989, and is the thirty-second season overall.

The series stars Matt Smith as the eleventh incarnation of the Doctor, an alien Time Lord who travels through time and space in his TARDIS, a spacecraft whose exterior resembles a British police box. It also stars Karen Gillan and Arthur Darvill as his companions, newlyweds Amy Pond and Rory Williams. Alex Kingston also returns as River Song, a mysterious woman from the Doctor's future who is revealed throughout the series to be Amy and Rory's part-Time Lord daughter and the Doctor's wife. In addition to Song, the series continues story threads from the fifth series, most notably the Silence and the cause of the TARDIS exploding in "The Big Bang".

## Cast

The series introduced the Eleventh Doctor, played by Matt Smith. This followed the departure of David Tennant as the Tenth Doctor, who left the show to help ease the transition from Davies to Moffat. Smith's agent called him, suggesting that he audition for the role. Moffat wanted to cast a middle-aged actor, "young enough to run but old enough to look wise". When Smith was the third person to audition the production team knew "[they] had their man", although he was 26 years old. The producers were cautious about casting Smith because they felt that a 26-year-old actor could not play the Doctor; although BBC Head of Drama and executive producer Piers Wenger agreed, he said that Smith was capable enough to play the part. According to Moffat, Smith did not appear youthful. Smith's casting was announced during an episode of the Doctor Who companion show Doctor Who Confidential, when he described the role as "a wonderful privilege and challenge that I hope I will thrive on".

Karen Gillan was cast as Amy Pond, the Doctor's companion. Casting director Andy Pryor suggested Gillan to Moffat after her performance in the fourth series episode "The Fires of Pompeii" (when she played a soothsayer), but Moffat originally considered her "short and dumpy". He later called her "exactly right for the role", although she played the character differently from the way it was originally written. Gillan auditioned for the role in her (natural) Scottish accent and an English one, and after she was cast it was decided that Amy would be Scottish. Gillan felt that the Scottish accent better suited her character. A young version of Amy (Amelia) was played by Gillan's 10-year-old cousin, Caitlin Blackwood, in the first and last episodes. The actresses had not met until the show but, although Blackwood had to audition, Gillan recommended her for the role. Blackwood and Gillan appeared together in "The Big Bang", which Gillan initially found "weird" (although the actresses quickly got used to it).

Alex Kingston, who played River Song in the Series 4 episodes "Silence in the Library" and "Forest of the Dead", reprised her role in the two-part stories "The Time of Angels" and "Flesh and Stone" and "The Pandorica Opens" and "The Big Bang". Although Kingston did not expect to return, Moffat always intended for River to return to the series. Arthur Darvill appeared in seven episodes as Rory Williams, Amy's fiancé, and was a companion in six of the episodes. Darvill had worked with Smith on a play, *Swimming with Sharks*. He received two scenes from the first episode and one from the sixth for his audition, but (except for Rory being Amy's boyfriend) he was not informed of the character's details. Moffat noted "just how funny" Darvill was during his audition. The actor felt "privileged" to be part of the show, and was pleased with Rory's storyline. Guest stars in the series included Olivia Colman, James Corden, Annette Crosbie, Tony Curran, Iain Glen, Daisy Haggard, Terrence Hardiman, Toby Jones, Helen McCrory, Neve McIntosh, Ian McNeice, Stephen Moore, Lucian Msamati, Bill Nighy, Sophie Okonedo, Bill Paterson, Alex Price, Robert Pugh, Nia Roberts, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.



Matt Smith, Karen Gillan and Arthur Darvill return for the sixth series



Matt Smith was cast as the Eleventh Doctor and Karen Gillan was cast as his companion, Amy Pond.



**Parental Guidance Certification**

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

No. story	No. in series	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original air date	Prod. code	UK viewers (millions)	A <sub>1</sub> <sup>1</sup>
203	1	"The Eleventh Hour"	Adam Smith	Steven Moffat	3 April 2010	1.1	10.09	86
<p>The failing TARDIS crash-lands in England outside the home of seven-year-old Amelia Pond, who invites the newly-regenerated Eleventh Doctor inside to investigate a crack in her bedroom wall. Since he must use the TARDIS to regulate its engines, he promises to return in five minutes. The TARDIS takes him twelve years into the future, where he joins the adult Amy Pond and her boyfriend Rory Williams in capturing the shape-shifting alien known as Prisoner Zero (who has escaped from the crack in Amy's wall). Failure to capture the alien will lead to the destruction of Earth by the galactic police force known as the Atraxi. After the Earth is saved, the Doctor tests the newly-remodelled TARDIS and accidentally returns for Amy two years later—the night before her marriage to Rory—when she joins him for his promised travels through space and time.</p>								
204	2	"The Beast Below"	Andrew Gunn	Steven Moffat	10 April 2010	1.2	8.42	86
<p>The Doctor takes Amy to the distant future, where they explore the <i>Starship UK</i>: a spaceship holding the population of the United Kingdom after they fled Earth due to dangerous solar flares. They discover that the ship is guided by a Star Whale, who is being tortured out of the fear that when left to make its own decisions it will abandon them. Believing that the future cannot go on this way, the Doctor prepares to render the Star Whale brain-dead so it will continue to operate the ship but not feel pain. Amy discovers that it is willing to serve the ship, since it could not stand the children crying because of the solar flares.</p>								
205	3	"Victory of the Daleks"	Andrew Gunn	Mark Gatiss	17 April 2010	1.3	8.21	84
<p>The Doctor and Amy respond to a call from Winston Churchill and visit him during the London Blitz, where he has employed Ironsides: an invention apparently created by Professor Bracewell. The Doctor sees through the ruse and recognises the Ironsides as his arch-enemies, the Daleks. They use the Doctor's testimony that he is the Doctor to activate the Progenitor Chamber (which contains pure Dalek DNA) to restore their race with five new Daleks in larger, redesigned casings. The Daleks reveal their plan to detonate a device built around Bracewell (revealed as an android created by the Daleks) and destroy the Earth. As the device begins to activate, the Doctor and Amy convince Bracewell that he is human and the device deactivates.</p>								
206a	4	"The Time of Angels"	Adam Smith	Steven Moffat	24 April 2010	1.4	8.59	87
<p>River Song, a woman from the Doctor's future, summons him and Amy to help her, Father Octavian, and his group of militarised clerics destroy a Weeping Angel on the site of the crashed ship <i>Byzantium</i> on the planet Alfava Metraxis. It is revealed that all statues in the stone labyrinth where the ship has crashed are Angels, and are gaining strength from radiation leaking from the ship. As the Angels surround the group and several clerics are revealed to be dead, the Doctor shoots the gravity globe above them and tells everyone to jump.</p>								
206b	5	"Flesh and Stone"	Adam Smith	Steven Moffat	1 May 2010	1.5	8.50	86
<p>The group lands on the outside of the <i>Byzantium</i>, having been pulled there by the ship's artificial gravity. A crack similar to the one in Amy's bedroom in appears inside the ship. The Doctor discovers that the crack, which erases people and things from existence, was caused by an explosion in Amy's era. As the gravity fails, the Weeping Angels fall into the crack. Amy asks the Doctor to take her home. She tells him that she and Rory are getting married tomorrow.</p>								
207	6	"The Vampires of Venice"	Jonny Campbell	Toby Whithouse	8 May 2010	1.6	7.68	86
<p>The Doctor takes Amy and Rory to Venice in 1580 on a romantic date. They meet Guido, a boat-builder whose daughter Isabella had entered the House of Calvierri girls' school. Guido is distressed because Isabella did not recognise him on the street and now has vampire-like fangs. The Doctor, Amy and Rory investigate the school and learn that the city's patron, Rosanna Calvierri, is a fish-like alien and has sealed off Venice in an attempt to make it a refuge for her race after losing their home planet to the cracks in the universe. Rosanna transforms the girls admitted to her school into her race to be mates for ten thousand of her male children who are waiting in the water. Guido sacrifices his life to kill the girls from the school. Rosanna activates a machine to flood Venice, but the Doctor foils her. As the last female of her species, the hopeless Rosanna sacrifices herself to her male offspring. As they leave, Amy asks Rory to stay and travel with her.</p>								

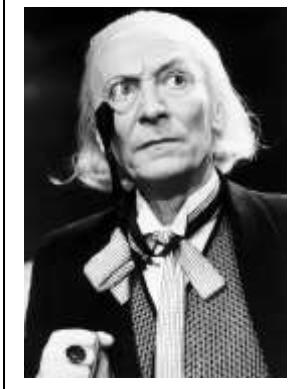
208	7	"Amy's Choice"	Catherine Morshead	Simon Nye	15 May 2010	1.7	7.55	84
<p>The Doctor, Amy and Rory travel between two realities. In one, Amy and Rory are happily married but are pursued by elderly people possessed by aliens; in the other, they are in a powerless TARDIS which will slowly crash into a cold star which will freeze them to death. A man known as the <a href="#">Dream Lord</a> says that he has put them in this trap, and they must decide which is real—and die in the fake reality—to wake up in the real one (and escape the trap). When Rory dies in the future reality, Amy decides that it must be fake because she does not want a life without him. It is revealed that psychic pollen had entered the TARDIS and caused the dream state, and the Dream Lord is a psychic manifestation of the Doctor's dark, self-loathing side.</p>								
209a	8	"The Hungry Earth"	Ashley Way	Chris Chibnall	22 May 2010	1.8	6.49	86
<p>In 2020 Wales, Mo, a driller at a drilling operation, has been dragged underground after the drill disturbs a civilisation of <a href="#">reptilian humanoid Silurians</a>, and the same fate befalls Amy. The Silurians reach the surface and kidnap Mo's son Elliot. Rory and the Doctor capture Alaya, a Silurian which has infected Mo's father-in-law Tony with her venomous tongue. As a Silurian doctor is about to vivisect Amy (as he had done to Mo), the TARDIS, with the Doctor and the operation's leader Nasreen inside, is pulled underground to the immense Silurian civilisation.</p>								
209b	9	"Cold Blood"	Ashley Way	Chris Chibnall	29 May 2010	1.9	7.49	85
<p>Amy and Mo escape and discover that Elliot is being held in an observation chamber. When Elliot's mother Ambrose kills Alaya for not telling her anything, it is agreed that the Silurians will hibernate for a thousand years, since humanity is not ready to share the Earth with them. Tony decides to stay behind with the Silurians to have his venom infection treated, and Nasreen stays with him. As the Doctor leaves with Elliot and the other humans, they find a crack in the cavern. The Doctor reaches into it to investigate, and pulls out a piece of the TARDIS. Before they leave, Restac shoots Rory dead; he is consumed by the crack, erasing him from existence (and Amy's memory).</p>								
210	10	"Vincent and the Doctor"	Jonny Campbell	Richard Curtis	5 June 2010	1.10	6.76	86
<p>During a visit to the <a href="#">Musée d'Orsay</a> in 2010, the Doctor finds a creature in the church window of <a href="#">Vincent van Gogh's <i>The Church at Auvers</i></a>. He takes Amy back to 1890 to meet Vincent, and to discover why the creature was in the painting. Welcoming them, Vincent works with the Doctor to find a lost, blind Krafayis, whom only Vincent can see. Vincent kills the creature, although he empathises with its pain. Before they leave, the Doctor and Amy take Vincent to the present (where he discovers that people will admire him). This gives Amy hope that he created more paintings and did not commit suicide. Devastated to learn that he still took his own life, she learns that one of his <a href="#">sunflower paintings</a> was dedicated to her.</p>								
211	11	"The Lodger"	Catherine Morshead	Gareth Roberts	12 June 2010	1.11	6.44	87
<p>The TARDIS is thrown into the time vortex with Amy inside, leaving the Doctor stranded in present-day <a href="#">Colchester</a>. He tracks the disturbance which affected the TARDIS to the second floor of a flat, where people have been persuaded to enter but have never left. The Doctor rents part of the downstairs apartment occupied by Craig Owens, who wishes to declare his love for his friend Sophie. When Sophie is lured up to the second floor, the Doctor and Craig enter the flat and discover that it is a time engine (disguised by a <a href="#">perception filter</a>) which has been luring passersby to find a suitable pilot. When Craig does not want to leave, the ship's protocols are counteracted; with its hold on the house broken, the TARDIS can land. In the TARDIS, Amy finds her engagement ring from Rory.</p>								
212a	12	"The Pandorica Opens"	Toby Haynes	Steven Moffat	19 June 2010	1.12	7.57	88
<p>River Song summons the Doctor and Amy to 102 AD, when she shows them a Vincent van Gogh painting of the TARDIS exploding; the painting contains the coordinates of <a href="#">Stonehenge</a>. Under Stonehenge they discover the Pandorica, a prison box said to contain the most powerful (and feared) being in the universe. However, the Pandorica is empty; an alliance of the Doctor's enemies arrive to put him in the box, since they believe that the Doctor is causing the cracks with the TARDIS. The Pandorica, constructed from Amy's memories, contains an <a href="#">Auton</a> (artificial life form) version of Rory; he shoots her. The TARDIS brings River to Amy's house in the present and explodes, widening the cracks and causing the universe to begin erasing.</p>								
212b	13	"The Big Bang"	Toby Haynes	Steven Moffat	26 June 2010	1.13	6.70	89
<p>The Doctor from the future gives Rory his <a href="#">sonic screwdriver</a>, which Rory uses to free the Doctor from the Pandorica in 102. The Doctor and Rory place the dead Amy in the Pandorica, which will force her to remain alive until her DNA is given to the Pandorica in the form of seven-year-old Amelia in 1996. Amelia places her hand on the Pandorica, following instructions left by the Doctor, fully restoring Amy to life. As the universe collapses, the Doctor rescues River from the <a href="#">time loop</a> in the exploding TARDIS and realises that if he flies the Pandorica (which contains a restoration field) and collides with the exploding TARDIS, it would restore the universe. The cracks are unable to close entirely until the Doctor is erased. Amy brings the Doctor back at her wedding to Rory with her memories (due to the Doctor's last words to her as he was being erased), and the newlyweds continue to travel with him.</p>								

### Supplemental Episodes...

Two scenes were filmed for the Complete Fifth Series box set, revealing what happened between pairs of regular episodes. The first scene is set between "The Eleventh Hour" and "The Beast Below", and the second is set between "Flesh and Stone" and "The Vampires of Venice".

Title	Directed by	Written by	Original release date
"Meanwhile, in the TARDIS..." (Part 1)	Euros Lyn	Steven Moffat	8 November 2010 (home video release)
Aboard the TARDIS for the first time, Amy asks the Doctor several questions about the spacecraft and the Doctor. He tells her that they are in space, leading into "The Beast Below".			
"Meanwhile, in the TARDIS..." (Part 2)	Euros Lyn	Steven Moffat	8 November 2010 (home video release)
The Doctor rejects Amy's advances, and she accesses the records of his previous companions. He then decides that it is time to take her back to Rory, leading into "The Vampires of Venice".			

### The Doctors:



William Hartnell (1963-66)



Patrick 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)



Neve McIntosh (2024-)

So Far!.....

2023

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.

Series lead	Incarnation	Tenure <sup>[e]</sup>
William Hartnell	First Doctor	1963–1966
Patrick Troughton	Second Doctor	1966–1969
Jon Pertwee	Third Doctor	1970–1974
Tom Baker	Fourth Doctor	1974–1981
Peter Davison	Fifth Doctor	1982–1984
Colin Baker	Sixth Doctor	1984–1986
Sylvester McCoy	Seventh Doctor	1987–1989
Paul McGann	Eighth Doctor	1996
Christopher Eccleston	Ninth Doctor	2005
David Tennant	Tenth Doctor	2005–2010
Matt Smith	Eleventh Doctor	2010–2013
Peter Capaldi	Twelfth Doctor	2014–2017
Jodie Whittaker	Thirteenth Doctor	2018–2022
David Tennant	Fourteenth Doctor	forthcoming
Ncuti Gatwa	Fifteenth Doctor	forthcoming

