

[ˈæktə] *n*

1. актёр; артист
2. деятель; действующее лицо

actor

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actor [actor actors] *BrE* [ˈæktə(r)] *NAme* [ˈæktər] *noun*

a person who performs on the stage, on television or in films/movies, especially as a profession

Word Origin:late Middle English (originally denoting an agent or administrator): from Latin, *doer*, actor, from *agere* 'do, act'. The theatre sense dates from the 16th cent.Thesaurus:**actor** actress *noun C*

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performer • **artist** • **comedian** • **entertainer** • |especially AmE **movie star** • |BrE usually **film star** • |especially BrE **artiste**

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a **young** actor/actress/performer/artist/comedian/entertainer/artistea **famous** actor/actress/performer/artist/comedian/entertainer/movie star/film stara/an **talented/aspiring** actor/actress/performer/artist/comedian/entertainerExample Bank:

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actor **W3** /ˈæktə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

someone who performs in a play or film

leading/principal actor

• She has starred with many leading actors.

character actor (=an actor who takes unusual or interesting roles)

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COLLOCATIONS■ **adjectives**

- a **good/fine/great actor** He had a reputation as a fine actor.
- a **well-known/famous actor** I'd really like to be a famous actor.
- a **professional/amateur actor** It isn't easy to become a successful professional actor.
- a **the leading/principal actor** (=acting the most important part) Schwarzenegger was one of Hollywood's leading actors.
- a **supporting actor** (=acting a part that is not the most important one) She was awarded an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.
- a **talented/accomplished actor** Jacobsen was one of the most accomplished actors of his generation.
- a **comic actor** He was a comic actor and he always got a laugh.
- a **classical actor** (=acting parts from important traditional literature) a drama school that trains classical actors

■ **NOUN + actor**

- a **movie/film/screen/Hollywood actor** the movie actor Brad Pitt
- a **stage actor** Most stage actors are very badly paid.
- a **television/TV actor** For several years he had small parts as a television actor.
- a **comedy actor** Jason was voted top TV comedy actor.
- a **character actor** (=an actor who is good at unusual or interesting roles) As a character actor you get interesting parts.

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THESAURUS

- **actor** someone who performs in a play or film: Her son wants to be an actor. | Both my parents are actors.
- **actress** a woman who performs in a play or film. Many women prefer to be called **actors** rather than **actresses**: Who was the actress who played Jane Eyre? | She's one of my favourite actresses.
- **star** a famous actor: Julia Roberts is a famous Hollywood star. | The hotel is popular with movie stars.
- **the star** someone who plays the most important part in a play or film: Daniel Radcliffe is the star of the 'Harry Potter' films.
- **co-star** one of two or more famous actors who have important parts in a play or film: Her co-star Jodie Foster won the Best Actress Award.
- **the lead** the main acting part in a play or film: He will play the lead in a new version of 'Dracula'.
- **extra** an actor in a film who does not say anything but is part of a crowd: She started her career as an extra in TV soap operas.
- **understudy** an actor who learns a part in a play so that they can act the part if the usual actor is ill: Vanessa had flu, and her place was taken by her understudy, Miss Lisa Fennell.

■ **a group of actors**

- **the cast** all the actors in a play or film: Other members of the cast include Johnny Depp and Danny DeVito. | She will head the cast (=she will have the most important part).
- **company** a group of actors who perform plays together: In 2006, he joined the Royal Shakespeare Company. | The play will be performed by an all-female company.

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