



# STARS OF BOLLYWOOD



Let's look at some of the most famous actors to come from the beautiful land of India. While reading the text, fill in the gaps with words from the word box (there is one extra word in each word box).



## Kunal Nayyar

Kunal Nayyar was born in London, England, on April 30, 1980. However, he didn't live in London very long. When he was just a child, his family moved ..... to New Delhi, India. In 1999, Nayyar moved to the United States of America to study at the University of Portland. While studying in Portland, he started taking acting classes and ..... in many school plays. After participating in the American College Theatre Festival, he decided to become a professional actor. He got his first ..... as a professional actor when he played the part of an **Indian exchange student** anxious to experience American culture before returning home in *Huck & Holden*. His big break came when he auditioned for the part of a **nerdy** ..... for a new television programme called *The Big Bang Theory*. After his audition, he was selected to play the part of Rajesh Koothrappali. *The Big Bang Theory* is currently in its 7<sup>th</sup> ..... and Nayyar has become one of the most recognisable faces in both America and India.

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## Shahrukh Khan

Often called the *King of Bollywood*, Shahrukh Khan has acted in over 75 Bollywood films! He has played the main role in various ..... such as family dramas, action, romance, and thrillers. He got his first taste of the big screen in 1992 when he starred in the film *Deewana*. He won the ..... Filmfare award for best debut actor. Since then he was performed in some of the biggest national and international Bollywood films such as *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* (1998) and *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham* (2001). For all his ..... in the movie industry, Khan has been called the world's biggest movie star and was named **among** the 50 most ..... people by "Newsweek." He is also an active philanthropist, giving millions of dollars to many **charities** and helping other ..... projects. An actor, TV star, entrepreneur, philanthropist and movie producer, Shah Rukh Khan's has made more than \$600 million during his long career.

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## GLOSSARY

**Indian exchange student:** studente indiano inserito in un programma di scambio culturale.  
**nerdy:** imbranato, seccione.

**among:** tra.  
**charities:** organizzazioni umanitarie.  
**the big screen:** il grande schermo.



## Sridevi Kapoor

In India Sridevi Kapoor is known as the First Female Superstar of Hindi Cinema, and one of the greatest and most ..... actresses of Bollywood. She starred in her first Bollywood film as a young child and then played her first adult role at age 13 in *Moondru Mudichu*. After these roles, she turned into a national ....., appearing in some of the most important Bollywood films of all time, like *Sadma*, *Mr. India* and *Judaai* (1997).

After *Judaai*, Sridevi took a ..... from **the big screen** to enjoy her personal life. She returned to films 15 years later long with *English Vinglish*. In 2013 Government of India gave her the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian ..... She was also voted 'India's Greatest Actress of All Time'.



Superstar    honour    influential    retirement break

## CROSSWORD

After reading the article on Bollywood's most famous actors, fill in the crossword.

### ACROSS

2. Kahn is an actor, TV star, entrepreneur, and .....
8. Kapoor's first adult role was in this film.
9. This magazine ranked Kahn one of the 50th most influential people.
10. Given to Kapoor by the Indian Government.

### DOWN

1. Kahn's nickname.
3. Kahn won this award for best debut actor.
4. The type of scientist he auditioned for.
5. While studying in this city, Nayyar started taking acting classes.
6. The first film Kapoor did after 15 years.
7. The show that transformed Nayyar into an international celebrity.

