Doctor Who Glossary


Companion: A person that travels with the Doctor. Often female. Often very attractive.

Cybermen: Cybermen were originally a wholly organic species of humanoids originating on Earth's twin planet Mondas that began to implant more and more artificial parts into their bodies. This led to the race becoming coldly logical and calculating cyborgs, with emotions usually only shown when naked aggression was called for. With the demise of Mondas, they acquired Telos as their new home planet. They continue to be a recurring 'monster' within the Doctor Who franchise.

The Dalek race, which first appeared in the show's second serial in 1963, are Doctor Who's oldest villains. The Daleks were Kaleds from the planet Skaro, mutated by the scientist Davros and housed in tank-like mechanical armor shells for mobility. Their chief role in the plot of the series, as they frequently remark in their instantly recognizable metallic voices, is to "exterminate" all beings inferior to themselves, even attacking the Time Lords in the often-referred-to-but-never-shown Time War.

The Doctor: A Time Lord—read: alien—who travels around in time, helping people and aliens out. Has two hearts.

Regeneration: As a Time Lord, the Doctor has the ability to regenerate his body when near death. Introduced into the storyline as a way of continuing the series when the writers were faced with the departure of lead actor William Hartnell in 1966, it has continued to be a major element of the series, allowing for the recasting of the lead actor when the need arises.

The Sonic Screwdriver: The sonic screwdriver is a fictional tool in the British science fiction television program Doctor Who and its spinoffs. It is a multifunctional tool used by The Doctor. Its most common function is that of a lockpick, but can be used to perform other operations such as performing medical scans, remotely controlling other devices, tracking alien life and, using red setting or dampers, it can control the properties of atoms and molecules on a small scale. It can, with the exception of a deadlock seal or wooden lock, open any type of lock and operate many computers, whether their origin is alien or human.

The TARDIS: The Doctor's spaceship/time machine. Its name is an acronym for Time and Relative Dimension in Space. Looks like an old fashioned
British police box. Is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside. Makes a whirring sound.

Whovian: a Doctor Who fan

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonic_screwdriver