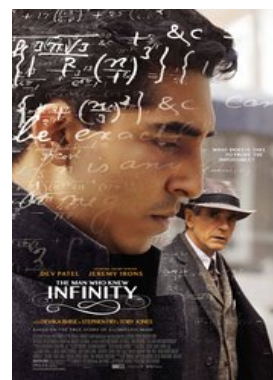


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The Man Who Knew Infinity

About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Matt Brown
YEAR / COUNTRY	2015 / United Kingdom
GENRE	Biography / Drama
ACTORS	Dev Patel, Jeremy Irons, Devika Bhise, Stephen Fry, Toby Jones



PLOT

Srinavasa Ramanujan is a 25-year-old shipping clerk and self-taught genius from Madras, India. Determined to pursue his passion despite rejection and derision from his peers, he writes a letter to G. H. Hardy, an eminent British mathematics professor at Trinity College, Cambridge. Hardy recognizes the originality and brilliance of Ramanujan's raw talent and despite the scepticism of his colleagues, undertakes bringing him to Cambridge so that his theories can be explored.

Ramanujan had a short life but is considered one of the great mathematicians of the 20th century. The implications of his insights had profound consequences for mathematics and science for future generations.

The film has been praised by mathematicians and scientists for its accurate mathematics and authentic portrayal of mathematicians.

LANGUAGE

English, some Tamil.

GRAMMAR

Make and Do

There are many common expressions based on **make** and **do**. There is no general rule, although often **make** is used for a product or a result and **do** for a process or activity.

You make: an appointment with sb./ an arrangement with sb./ sb. angry, sad, etc./ an attempt to do sth/ a bid for sth./ a noise/ money/ a plan/ an effort/ a profit/ a promise/ a mess/ an investment/ a loss/ an exception/ a mistake/ inquires/ an investigation/ a film/ a difference/ an excuse/ a good impression on sb./ sth. possible/ a suggestion/ a start/ yourself understood/ sense of sth./ progress.

You do: the accounts/ your best/ the cleaning, shopping, etc./ a favour/ a job for/ nothing/ overtime/ research/ something about it/ well, badly at sth./ without sth./ a course in sth./ a test on sth./ economics at university/ everything you can to help/ damage to sth./ well, badly at sth./ work for sb

Note: sth = something and sb = somebody

VOCABULARY

Trinity College, Cambridge: famous constituent college of the University of Cambridge	Doomed: condemned, predestined
Fate: destiny	Ledger: a book in which financial accounts are recorded
Polished: clean and shiny, refined, elegant	Abacus: an instrument used for making math calculations
The pinnacle: the highest point, the top	Namagiri: a form of the Hindu goddess Lakshmi worshipped in the city of Namagiri, India
Real pot stirrer: a person or something that causes unrest or problems	Frog: offensive term used for French person
Spineless: without courage	Flatter: to praise a person too much or insincerely
Rot away: to decompose or decay	Sapling: a young tree
Lard: pork fat used for cooking	Wog: offensive term used for dark skinned foreigner
Fellow: member of a scientific society	FRS: Fellow of Royal Society (oldest scientific society in the U.K.)
Row: noisy argument or quarrel	To kip: to sleep, to repose, to nap
To stifle: to block or obstruct	Conjurors: people who perform tricks and magic
Cheek: impudent behavior	Alcove: a small place in a room
Combinatorics: a branch of mathematics concerning the study of finite or countable discrete structures	Tamil: a language spoken in southern India and parts of Sri Lanka
Breakthrough: a sudden knowledge or understanding of something	