

## SEQ 4 GREAT BRITS

### STEP 9

#### A RISING STAR

1. Look at the picture and guess this man's job. Then read the caption and check (regarde la photo et devine le métier de l'homme. Puis lis la légende sous la photo et vérifie tes hypothèses).

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**D**ev Patel is an English actor. He started his career in the teen drama *Skins* (2007–2008). Then he acted in Danny Boyle's drama *Slumdog Millionaire* (2008). He played Saroo Brierley in the drama *Lion* in 2016 and won the BAFTA Award for Best Supporting Actor. *Lion* tells the story of a young Indian boy who is adopted by an Australian family. Here is an exclusive interview on the promotion of *Lion*.

**What was the first job that you auditioned for?**

My mum saw an advert in the back of this newspaper called *The Metro*. She dragged me to this open casting. I was 16 years old and very reluctant. I was in my school uniform with my mum, and we waited outside the National Youth Theatre in London. It was for this TV show called *Skins*.

**And you got it.**

I did get it, yes, so it was a success. I played this character called Anwar.

**Were you a theatrical child?**

Yeah, I think I just was very energetic. My mum put me into martial arts and drama. It was the only way to channel that energy into something productive.

**How old were you when you did *Slumdog Millionaire*?**

I did *Slumdog* when I was 17. So right after *Skins*.

**And how did *Lion* come about?**

I heard on the grapevine<sup>1</sup> about this incredible true story. It was a tale of survival. So I Skyped with Garth [Davis, the director]. Then, when I was in London for another film with Jeremy Irons, they called me in to a read with Garth.

**Did he tell you in the room you had the role?**

Well, kind of.

**And did you celebrate when he called?**

I did, it was great!

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<sup>1</sup> hear on the grapevine: entendre parler de quelque chose

2. Read the interview and answer the questions :

a. Complete the chart (complete le tableau) :

Dates	Films	Roles
2007-2008	.....	.....
.....	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	
.....	.....	Saroo Brierley

b. Tick the right answers (coche les bonnes réponses) :

● In 2016, Dev Patel: ☐ married an actress. ☐ won a prize. ☐ acted in *Skins*. ☐ started his career.

● When he was a child, Dev Patel was: ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐ 

● As a child, he had some hobbies: ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐ 