Oral presentation: A presentation about a famous person

1 Read Taemin's presentation on Helen Keller. Then match the headings to the paragraphs.

1 her illness and its effects ☐
2 her education and work ☐
3 a positive change in her life ☐
4 introduction ☐
5 what she's famous for ☐

A Good morning. Today, we're going to tell you about a very special woman named Helen Keller.

B Helen Keller was born in 1880. When she was a very young child, a serious illness left her unable to see **or** hear. From that time onwards, she could only understand things through touch **and** the vibration of movements around her. In the late 19th century, people didn't believe that deaf and blind people could do anything, **so** they were often isolated from the rest of the world. **However**, Helen was very lucky because her family did not want to accept this.

C When she was 6 years old, her family arranged for her to meet Anne Sullivan, a young teacher who taught her sign language through touch. Helen was very frustrated and angry at first **because** she didn't understand that there was a separate word for each object or person. **But** gradually, with Anne's help, she learned to sign fluently, to read Braille, and even learned to speak.

D In 1904, Helen Keller graduated from Harvard University with a college degree. She wrote several books about her life, and she became a public speaker, too. Helen used her skills and talents to improve the lives of deaf and blind people.

E Anne Sullivan remained with Helen until Anne died in 1936. Helen lived until the age of 87 and died in 1968. Today, she is remembered for showing the world what deaf and blind people can do, and for helping to make their lives easier.

2 The bold words in the presentation are conjunctions. They allow us to combine different points in a sentence. Complete the chart with the correct conjunctions.

Conjunction	Definition
1 ☐	adds more information
2 ☐	introduces contrasting information
3 ☐	introduces a reason for something
4 ☐	introduces the result of something
5 ☐	introduces contrasting information – usually comes at the start of a sentence
6 ☐	links two alternatives

Exam strategy

When you give a presentation, remember to talk slowly and clearly. Stress the key words so that your audience can understand what you are saying.

3 You are going to prepare an oral presentation about another important person in history. Choose one of the people below and research them. Plan your presentation. Remember to use conjunctions.

- Jesse Owens
- Amelia Earhart
- Oprah Winfrey
- Neil Armstrong

Name	
Job	
Life and career	
Problems in life	
Famous for / Remembered for	

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