

## Helen Keller

**1. Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?**

*Paragraphs 1 and 2*

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| 1. author      | a. got                    |
| 2. barriers    | b. guiding light          |
| 3. inspiration | c. get her message across |
| 4. contracted  | d. formed                 |
| 5. developed   | e. writer                 |
| 6. communicate | f. obstacles              |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

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| 7. successful  | g. in contact  |
| 8. seek        | h. fought      |
| 9. in touch    | i. effective   |
| 10. campaigned | j. people      |
| 11. figures    | k. passed away |
| 12. died       | l. look for    |

### 2. LISTENING GAP FILL

Helen Adams Keller was an American author, \_\_\_\_\_. She was the first American deaf and blind person to graduate from college. From \_\_\_\_\_ she decided to communicate with the world, despite her barriers to communication. She became a prolific \_\_\_\_\_ campaigner and spokeswoman for women's and worker's rights. She is also \_\_\_\_\_ millions.

Helen Keller was born in Alabama in 1880. When she was nineteen months old, \_\_\_\_\_ mysterious illness \_\_\_\_\_ deaf and blind. She developed a friendship with the daughter of her family's cook, who \_\_\_\_\_ language with her. By the age of seven, Helen was \_\_\_\_\_ signs with her family. She knew she could communicate.

In 1886, \_\_\_\_\_ Charles Dickens' book 'American Notes' about the successful education of a deaf and blind child. She decided \_\_\_\_\_ Helen and was \_\_\_\_\_ teacher Anne Sullivan. She became Helen's instructor and friend for the next 49 years. Helen learnt Braille \_\_\_\_\_ French, German and Greek.

Keller \_\_\_\_\_ and went on to become a world-famous speaker and author. She campaigned for people \_\_\_\_\_ many other causes. She travelled to 39 countries and was friends with US presidents \_\_\_\_\_, including Charlie Chaplin, and Mark Twain. Keller also wrote twelve books and many articles on social issues. Keller \_\_\_\_\_ 1968, aged 87.

**3. The underlined, jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.**

*Paragraph 1*

1. deaf and lbndi person
2. her earrirbs to communication
3. She became a fciploir author
4. an inspiration to smoilnil

*Paragraph 2*

5. she contracted a mysterious nlisse
6. She eedolvdpe a friendship
7. created a sign uglngeaa
8. Helen was gisun over 60 signs with her family

#### 4. PHRASE MATCH

**Match the following phrases from the article:**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. barriers                         | a. with disabilities     |
| 2. She is also an inspiration       | b. illness               |
| 3. she contracted a mysterious      | c. a friendship          |
| 4. She developed                    | d. to learn French       |
| 5. Helen was using over 60          | e. in her sleep          |
| 6. She decided to seek              | f. signs with her family |
| 7. Helen learnt Braille and used it | g. to communication      |
| 8. She campaigned for people        | h. to millions           |
| 9. famous                           | i. help for Helen        |
| 10. Keller died                     | j. figures               |