

## Reading 3 - Nelson Mandela

Read the text below and choose the most suitable word for each blank from the words given.

Mandela was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1918 in the village of Mvezo, South Africa, and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of 95. He was the son of a chief of the Thembo people and his great grandfather was the tribe's king! After his father's (2) \_\_\_\_\_, he was raised by Jongintaba Dalindyebo, supreme chief of the Thembo.

As a youngster, little Nelson was actually called Rolihlahla, but a teacher at school gave (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the name 'Nelson', and it stuck! Later he (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the city of Johannesburg to study law and in 1942, when he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 24, he became a lawyer.

South Africa is home to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ different peoples and cultures but, sadly, at the time that Nelson Mandela was growing up, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ was a huge racial divide in the country. White people ran the country, and they generally (8) \_\_\_\_\_ privileged lives with good jobs and nice homes. However, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ black people, if not all, worked in low-paid jobs, and lived in poor communities. They had far (10) \_\_\_\_\_ rights.

Mandela (11) \_\_\_\_\_ most of his life fighting against racial prejudice and injustice. In 1961, Nelson and other ANC leaders formed a secret military group and in 1963, Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment for political offences. He served 27 years as a prisoner, 18 of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on Robben Island.

In 1993, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and in 1994, Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black president. In 2004, he retired as President and lived a quiet life with his wife Grace.

**31.** Write the word that corresponds to each number:

DEATH	DIED	FEWER	HAD
HIM	MANY	MOST	MOVED
SPENT	THEM	THERE	WAS

1		7	
2		8	
3		9	
4		10	
5		11	
6		12	