

**Past Simple Tense**

**Part A** Read an autobiography of "Helen Keller".  
Then underline all the past tense verbs.

**"Helen Keller Biography"**

(1880 - 1968)

Helen Keller lived in a small town in Alabama, U.S.A. This little girl couldn't see anything because she was blind. She couldn't hear anything because she was deaf also. She was sad and lonely.



(Helen)

When Helen was born she could see and hear. But when she was one and a half years old, she became very ill and it left her blind and deaf. When Helen was 7, her parents wrote letters to special schools to ask for help.



(Helen and Anne)

Many months later, a young woman, *Anne Sullivan* became to be Helen's teacher. Anne had a nice, smiling face. Anne taught Helen to understand words by touching and spelling letters with her fingers into Helen's hand.

One day Anne taught Helen how to spell her name "H-e-l-e-n K-e-l-l-e-r". Helen had a wide smile because it was the first time she knew she had a name. Helen said to herself, "I was born again that day. Now I knew my name. I was a person. I could understand people and make them understand me."

Helen never gave up. She wanted to go to the college, and she did it. She got her B.A. degree from Radcliffe College, the women's branch of Harvard University. Her first book, called *The Story of My Life*, was translated into 50 languages. Helen died in her sleep in 1968.



(Anne Sullivan)



(Helen with her B.A. degree)

**Part B** From "Helen Keller Biography", list all the past tense verbs and write them in present simple.

lived - live

couldn't - can't

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**Part C** Answer the questions.

1. When was Helen born?

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2. Why couldn't Helen see anything?

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3. How old was Helen when she became very ill?

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4. Who wrote letters to special schools?

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**Part D** Make questions from the answer given.

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Helen lived in a small town in Alabama, U.S.A.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

She couldn't hear anything because she was deaf.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Anne Sullivan was Helen's teacher.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Helen died in 1968.