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### Helen Keller



Helen Keller was born in 1880. At a young age, Helen caught a fever. As a result, Helen became both deaf and blind. However, she went on to live an amazing life.

After her fever, it was difficult for Helen. She didn't know how to communicate with people. She could only use smell and touch. A tutor, Anne Sullivan, started working with Helen. This changed Helen's life. Anne taught Helen how to read and Helen learned how to communicate.

After that, there was no stopping Helen. She studied hard. She went on to Radcliffe College, a famous women's school. She even wrote *The Story of My Life*, a book about her life and adventures. Helen Keller taught people to respect the blind and deaf.

### Word Practice

Choose the best word.

1. He is really \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone knows of him.  
a. deaf                      b. young                      c. famous                      d. difficult
2. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ with my best friend by phone.  
a. communicate      b. write                      c. teach                      d. go on to
3. My math \_\_\_\_\_ is Susan. She helps me with my homework.  
a. tutor                      b. school                      c. book                      d. college
4. John can't hear. He is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. blind                      b. deaf                      c. amazing                      d. respect

# Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Why is Helen Keller famous?
  - a. She had many problems.
  - b. She was deaf, but wrote a book.
  - c. She learned how to communicate.
  - d. Although she was deaf and blind, she did many things.
2. What does "This" mean in the reading?
  - a. Anne Sullivan
  - b. Anne Sullivan helping Helen
  - c. Helen learning to communicate
  - d. Helen becoming blind and deaf
3. Helen Keller was blind and deaf. How could she learn?
  - a. She used her senses of smell and touch.
  - b. She didn't learn anything.
  - c. Her tutor learned for her.
  - d. She listened to her tutor.
4. Which is false?
  - a. Communication was difficult for Helen.
  - b. Helen could not see or hear.
  - c. Helen was deaf from birth.
  - d. Helen became famous.

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

blind

fever

deaf

tutor

amazing



Helen Keller could not read. She was 1 \_\_\_\_\_. She could also not hear people. She was 2 \_\_\_\_\_. These problems were the result of a(n) 3 \_\_\_\_\_ in her childhood. However, with the help of a(n) 4 \_\_\_\_\_, Helen learned how to study and communicate. She went on to have a(n) 5 \_\_\_\_\_ life.