

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 nlilsse
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 |