

5 Read an account of an important news event. Complete the text with phrases a)–h).

- a) He had been in prison
- b) one of the branches broke
- c) we heard some shots
- d) 50,000 people were waiting
- e) to hear what Mandela was saying
- f) When he finally arrived
- g) were talking to each other
- h) many people had climbed onto it



February 11, 2000: Nelson Mandela's Release from Prison

I was in the crowd in the town square in Cape Town that day. It was a hot day, and ¹ _____ to see Mandela walk free from the prison. ² _____ for twenty-seven years. At one point, ³ _____, but most people stayed calm. People ⁴ _____ and singing songs. There was a great feeling of solidarity. There was a large tree in the middle of the town square, and ⁵ _____ to get a better view. Suddenly, ⁶ _____, and people fell to the ground. But nobody wanted to leave. Nobody wanted to miss the chance of seeing Mandela for the first time. ⁷ _____, there was a huge cheer. From where I was standing, it was difficult ⁸ _____, but I knew I was there for an important moment in our history.