

listening

Unit 7 Think again!

Before you watch

Match the words to the meanings.

1 activist	a) try hard to do something difficult
2 survive	b) annoyed and impatient
3 frustrated	c) someone who tries to achieve social or political change
4 symbol	d) a large human or animal image made of stone or wood
5 graduate	e) a picture or shape that represents something
6 struggle	f) complete your studies in college
7 vote	g) unable to hear
8 statue	h) choose a particular politician or political party
9 deaf	i) stay alive despite an illness or injury



While you watch

1 Watch the video and discuss in pairs how each word from Ex. 1 relates to Helen's story.

2 Watch the video again and choose T (true) or F (false).

1 Helen was born deaf and blind.	T / F
2 As a child, Helen hurt members of her family.	T / F
3 Anne Sullivan was a teacher from the Perkins Institute for the Blind.	T / F
4 Helen's first word using finger spelling was "water."	T / F
5 Helen graduated from Radcliffe College when she was 20.	T / F
6 It took Helen a very long time to learn to speak.	T / F
7 There is a statue of Helen at Radcliffe College.	T / F

After you watch

Complete the conversation with the correct tag questions.

Olivia: We have to write a paper about an inspirational woman, (1) _____?

Who are you writing about?

Jane: I thought I'd write about Helen Keller. She had such an amazing life, (2) _____?

Olivia: Yes, good choice. She was deaf and blind, (3) _____?

Jane: Yes, that's right.

Olivia: But she wasn't born that way, (4) _____?

Jane: No, she got very sick when she was young and lost her sight and hearing.

Olivia: That would be very difficult, (5) _____?

Jane: Yes. Apparently, she did get very frustrated because she couldn't communicate. Then her teacher, Anne Sullivan, started to teach her to finger spell.

Olivia: That's where you sign letters onto someone's hand, (6) _____?

Jane: Yes, that's right.