

Nelson Mandela



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Complete the text with the words in the box.

different	prison	South Africa	released	statue	president
university	politics	peace	arrested		

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Grammar point. 'To be' simple past tense.

Positive 'to be'	Negative 'to be'	Yes/No Questions 'to be'
Nelson Mandela was born in South Africa.	Nelson Mandela wasn't born in the USA.	Was Nelson Mandela born in South Africa? Yes, he was .

Regular and irregular past tenses

	Positive	Negative: Did +infinitive	Question: Did +infinitive
regular arrest- arrested	The government arrested him.	The government didn't arrest him.	Did the government arrest him? Yes, they did.
irregular become- became	He became a member of the ANC.	He didn't become a member of the SNP.	Did he become a member of the SNP. No, he didn't.
irregular '-y' study- studied	He studied law at the university.	He didn't study law at college.	Did he study law at the university? Yes, he did.

Answer the following questions. Type the answers in full.

1. When was Nelson Mandela born?

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2. What did he study at university?

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3. What did the government introduce in 1948?

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4. What did the government do to Mandela?

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5. When was he released?

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6. What prize did he get in 1993?

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7. What did he become in 1994?

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Put these words into the correct order to make sentences.

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A big

What do you think about Nelson Mandela? Write some words to say what you think about him.

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Do you know the name of a politician from your country?

Write his/her name.

Do you like him (or her)?

Is there something you would like to change in your country?

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Can you complete these words from the text?

cl_v_r (intelligent)

un__rs_ty (you study there to get a degree)

c o _ n t _ y (a place like Somalia or England)

g _ v e _ n m _ n t (they make the laws)

d _ f f _ _ e _ _ (not the same)

e q _ _ l _ t _ (when everyone is treated the same)

f r _ _ d _ m (you can say what you think)
p r _ _ _ n (a place where you go if you are bad)
p _ _ c _ (when no-one is fighting)
p _ e s _ _ e _ t (the leader of a country)
r _ t i _ _ d (not working any more)