Nelson Mandela

A In 1989, a new President, Frederik Willem de Klerk, came to power in South Africa. President de Klerk gave orders for Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners to be released. Mandela was set free on 11 February 1990. His release was watched on TV by millions of people all over the world. Mandela was finally free, and people felt great joy about that. But they also felt sad and shocked that he had been imprisoned for 27 years.

B In 1991, Mandela became leader of the African National Congress (ANC). In 1993, Mandela and President de Klerk were jointly given the Nobel Peace Prize for their work for peace in South Africa. On 27 April 1994, elections in South Africa took place, and black people were allowed to vote for the first time. The ANC won the election and in May 1994, Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black president.

Mandela worked very hard to build a new South Africa, and did many things to help the poor. He built new houses, and brought water and electricity to every house. In 1995, he started the Children's Fund to help the children of South Africa.

C In 1995, South Africa hosted the Rugby World Cup. President Mandela wore a Springbok rugby shirt. The springbok antelope is South Africa's national animal. In the past, South Africa's rugby team, the Springboks, had been all-white. Mandela wore the shirt to help bring white and black together through sport.

D Mandela was welcomed around the world as a great leader, and given many honors. He wrote a book about his life called *Long Walk to Freedom*. In 1999, Nelson Mandela retired as President, and from 2004, he gave up politics to enjoy a quiet life with his family. He died on 5 December 2013 at the age of 95 at his home in Johannesburg.

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1. Match each paragraph with a suitable heading:

Paragraph A	1. The Rugby World Cup
Paragraph B	2. Mandela as World Statesman
Paragraph C	3. Mandela, the president
Paragraph D	4. Free at Last!

2. Answer the following questions:

a. When was Nelson Mandela released from prison?

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b. What did Nelson Mandela do when he was the president of South Africa?

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c. For how many years was Mandela a president of South Africa?

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