

Reading 3 - Nelson Mandela

Read the text below and choose the most suitable word for each blank from the words given.

Mandela was born on the 18th July 1918 in the village of Mvezo, South Africa, and (1) _____ at the age of 95. He was the son of a chief of the Thembo people and his great grandfather was the tribe's king! After his father's (2) _____, he was raised by Jongintaba Dalindyebo, supreme chief of the Thembo.

As a youngster, little Nelson was actually called Rolihlahla, but a teacher at school gave (3) _____ the name 'Nelson', and it stuck! Later he (4) _____ to the city of Johannesburg to study law and in 1942, when he (5) _____ 24, he became a lawyer.

South Africa is home to (6) _____ different peoples and cultures but, sadly, at the time that Nelson Mandela was growing up, (7) _____ was a huge racial divide in the country. White people ran the country, and they generally (8) _____ privileged lives with good jobs and nice homes. However, (9) _____ black people, if not all, worked in low-paid jobs, and lived in poor communities. They had far (10) _____ rights.

Mandela (11) _____ most of his life fighting against racial prejudice and injustice. In 1961, Nelson and other ANC leaders formed a secret military group and in 1963, Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment for political offences. He served 27 years as a prisoner, 18 of (12) _____ on Robben Island.

In 1993, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and in 1994, Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black president. In 2004, he retired as President and lived a quiet life with his wife Grace.

31. Write the word that corresponds to each number:

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