

Grade 7

Reading Autobiography Autobiography of Helen Keller

Born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, Helen Keller was a normal baby. Tragically, a severe illness struck her when she was 19 months old, leaving her both blind and deaf. As she grew older, Helen became frustrated due to her inability to communicate with others. She often felt trapped, isolated, and angry.

At the age of 7, her life took a turn when Anne Sullivan, a young teacher, came into her world. Sullivan had a difficult task ahead. She had to teach a child who couldn't see, hear, or speak. Their first breakthrough came when Sullivan held Helen's hand under a water pump and spelled out "W-A-T-E-R" into her other hand. Helen understood that the motion meant the cool liquid pouring over her hand. From there, her world began to open up.

With Sullivan's help, Keller learned to read Braille and even to speak. She later attended Radcliffe College, becoming the first deaf and blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. Helen wasn't just a diligent student; she was a determined advocate for people with disabilities, traveling around the world, giving lectures, and inspiring millions.

Helen Keller's life is a testament to the power of determination and the human spirit. Even in the face of unimaginable challenges, she refused to be defeated. Instead, she chose to rise above and prove that with hard work, dedication, and the right support, anything is possible.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Helen Keller born?

- A) New York
- B) Tuscumbia, Alabama
- C) Chicago
- D) Los Angeles

2. How old was Helen when she fell ill?

- A) 19 days
- B) 19 months
- C) 19 years
- D) 9 years

3. Who helped Helen learn to communicate?

- A) Her mother
- B) Anne Sullivan
- C) Her school teacher
- D) Her neighbor

4. What did Helen first recognize as "W-A-T-E-R"?

- A) A glass of water
- B) Raindrops
- C) Water from a pump
- D) Water from a river

5. Where did Helen Keller study for her Bachelor's degree?

- A) Harvard University
- B) Radcliffe College
- C) Stanford University
- D) Oxford University

6. What illness did Helen suffer from at a young age?

- A) Measles
- B) Polio
- C) Mumps
- D) An unspecified severe illness

7. Which of the following disabilities did Helen NOT have?

- A) Blindness
- B) Deafness
- C) Muteness
- D) Paralysis

8. Which word best describes Helen Keller's life?

- A) Isolated
- B) Unremarkable
- C) Inspiring
- D) Dependent

9. At what age did Helen's life take a significant turn?

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 10
- D) 12

10. What was the primary language Helen used to read?

- A) English
- B) Spanish
- C) Braille
- D) Sign language

Answers and Explanations:

1. *B. Tuscumbia, Alabama*

The passage states that Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

2. *B.*

19 months. The passage mentions she fell ill at 19 months old.

3. *B. Anne Sullivan*

Anne Sullivan was the teacher who came into her life and taught her to communicate.

4. *C. Water from a pump*

The passage describes the moment when Sullivan spelled out "W-A-T-E-R" as water poured from a pum.

5. *B. Radcliffe College*

The passage says Helen attended Radcliffe College

6. *D. An unspecified severe illness*

The passage mentions she suffered from a severe illness but doesn't specify which.

7. *D. Paralysis*

The passage mentions she was blind and deaf.

8. *C. Inspiring*

The passage speaks of her achievements, advocating for disabilities and inspiring millions.

9. *B. 7*

Anne Sullivan entered her life when she was 7 years old.

10. *C. Braille*

The passage states Helen learned to read Braille.