

Grade 3
Reading - Biography
Biography of Helen Keller

Meet Helen Keller, a woman of incredible strength and determination. Born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, Helen lived a normal life until she fell seriously ill at the age of 19 months. The illness left her blind and deaf, making communication with the outside world nearly impossible. However, Helen was not one to give up easily.

At the age of seven, Helen met Anne Sullivan, a teacher who would change her life forever. Anne taught Helen how to communicate using sign language, and eventually, Helen learned to read, write, and speak. With Anne's guidance, Helen attended the Perkins Institute for the Blind and later graduated from Radcliffe College, becoming the first deaf and blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Helen Keller was not just a student; she was a fighter for the rights of people with disabilities. She traveled the world, giving speeches and inspiring others with her story. She also wrote several books, sharing her experiences and encouraging people to never give up, no matter what challenges they faced.

Helen's life was a testament to the power of perseverance and the belief that anyone can overcome their obstacles if they set their mind to it. She passed away on June 1, 1968, but her legacy continues to live on, inspiring millions of people around the world.

Now, let's test your knowledge with some multiple-choice questions:

1. What was the major challenge Helen Keller faced at a young age?

- a) She was deaf
- b) She was blind
- c) She was both deaf and blind
- d) She was unable to speak

2. How did Helen Keller learn to communicate?

- a) Through sign language
- b) Through Braille
- c) Through writing
- d) All of the above

3. Who was Anne Sullivan?

- a) Helen's mother
- b) Helen's teacher
- c) Helen's sister
- d) Helen's friend

4. Which institute did Helen attend?

- a) Harvard University
- b) Perkins Institute for the Blind
- c) Oxford University
- d) Stanford University

5. What did Helen achieve at Radcliffe College?

- a) A Master's degree
- b) A Bachelor of Arts degree
- c) A Doctorate
- d) A Certificate

6. What was Helen Keller known for besides her education?

- a) Being an actress
- b) Being a fighter for the rights of people with disabilities
- c) Being a chef
- d) Being a painter

7. How did Helen Keller inspire others?

- a) Through her speeches
- b) By writing books
- c) By traveling the world
- d) All of the above

8. When did Helen Keller pass away?

- a) June 27, 1880
- b) June 1, 1968
- c) June 27, 1968
- d) June 1, 1880

1. Correct answer: c. She was both deaf and blind. Helen Keller became deaf and blind at the age of 19 months due to a serious illness.
2. Correct answer: a. Through sign language. Helen Keller initially learned to communicate using sign language, with the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan.
3. Correct answer: b. Helen's teacher. Anne Sullivan was Helen Keller's teacher who played a crucial role in helping her learn to communicate.
4. Correct answer: b. Perkins Institute for the Blind. Helen Keller attended the Perkins Institute for the Blind as part of her education.
5. Correct answer: b. A Bachelor of Arts degree. Helen Keller graduated from Radcliffe College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, becoming the first deaf-blind person to do so.
6. Correct answer: b. Being a fighter for the rights of people with disabilities. Helen Keller was well-known for her activism and her work in fighting for the rights of people with disabilities.
7. Correct answer: d. All of the above. Helen Keller inspired others through her speeches, her books, and by traveling the world to share her story.

8. Correct answer: b. June 1, 1968. Helen Keller passed away on June 1, 1968, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire people worldwide.