## Reading Passage: The Life of Helen Keller (Biography 1)

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Alabama, USA. She was a happy and healthy baby. But when Helen was 19 months old, she became very sick. The illness made her unable to see or hear. This was very hard for Helen and her family. She lived in a world of silence and darkness.

When Helen was seven years old, a teacher named Anne Sullivan came to help her. Anne was very patient and kind. She taught Helen how to communicate using her hands. This special way of talking is called sign language. Anne also taught Helen how to read by feeling raised letters on a page, known as Braille.

Helen learned quickly. She was very smart and determined. She went to school and even attended college. Helen became the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree. She studied many subjects and loved to learn new things.

As an adult, Helen traveled around the world. She gave speeches and wrote books. Helen told people about her life and how she overcame her challenges. She worked hard to help others who were deaf or blind. Helen showed everyone that with determination and the right support, anything is possible.

Helen Keller's life was full of achievements. She is remembered as a brave and inspiring person who never gave up, no matter how difficult things were.

## **Multiple Choice Questions**

- 1. Where was Helen Keller born?
  - a. New York
  - b. Texas
  - c. Alabama
  - d. California
- 2. What happened to Helen when she was 19 months old?
  - a. She started walking
  - b. She became very sick
  - c. She learned to read
  - d. She moved to a new house
- 3. Who came to help Helen when she was seven years old?
  - a. Her mother
  - b. Her sister
  - c. Anne Sullivan
  - d. Her father
- 4. How did Anne Sullivan teach Helen to communicate?
  - a. By speaking loudly
  - b. By using sign language
  - c. By writing letters
  - d. By drawing pictures
- 5. What is Braille?
  - a. A type of book
  - b. A way to feel raised letters to read
  - c. A musical instrument
  - d. A kind of dance
- 6. What did Helen Keller achieve that was very special?
  - a. She became a doctor
  - b. She went to college and earned a degree
  - c. She learned to drive
  - d. She built a house
- 7. What did Helen do as an adult?
  - a. She became a teacher
  - b. She traveled and gave speeches

- c. She became a scientist
- d. She worked in a hospital
- 8. What did Helen Keller write?
  - a. Songs
  - b. Movies
  - c. Books
  - d. Poems
- 9. Why is Helen Keller remembered today?
  - a. For her cooking
  - b. For her bravery and achievements
  - c. For her paintings
  - d. For her singing
- 10. What lesson does Helen Keller's life teach us?
  - a. To play more games
  - b. To travel often
  - c. To never give up, no matter how hard things are
  - d. To eat healthy foods

## **Answers and Explanations**

- 1. c. Alabama Explanation: Helen Keller was born in Alabama, USA.
- 2. **b. She became very sick** Explanation: Helen became very sick when she was 19 months old, which caused her to lose her sight and hearing.
- 3. **c. Anne Sullivan** Explanation: Anne Sullivan came to help Helen when she was seven years old.
- 4. **b. By using sign language** Explanation: Anne taught Helen to communicate using sign language.
- 5. **b. A way to feel raised letters to read** Explanation: Braille is a system that uses raised letters to help blind people read.
- 6. **b. She went to college and earned a degree** Explanation: Helen Keller was the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree.
- 7. **b. She traveled and gave speeches** Explanation: As an adult, Helen traveled and gave speeches about her life and experiences.
- 8. **c. Books** Explanation: Helen Keller wrote books about her life and experiences.
- 9. **b. For her bravery and achievements** *Explanation: Helen Keller is remembered for her bravery and many achievements despite her challenges.*
- 10. **c. To never give up, no matter how hard things are** Explanation: Helen Keller's life teaches us the importance of determination and not giving up, no matter how difficult things may be.