

NELSON MANDELA (1918-2013)

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Nelson Mandela was one of the most loved and respected people in the world. For countless reasons, he was and remains a huge hero. He was a person from whom we can all learn many lessons. He experienced many things in his nine decades, from being tortured to becoming president of the country he loved. After retiring, he continued to travel the world, helping people and raising awareness of global issues.

Nelson was born in 1918 into a South Africa that was divided along black and white racial lines. He said he had a wonderful childhood and was a keen runner and boxer. He learnt more of the terrible apartheid system when he studied to become a lawyer. This led to his campaigning for equal rights and his involvement in the African National Congress (ANC), which he later became the leader of.

The South African government did its best to keep Mandela from spreading his message of equality for blacks and racial unity. It put him in prison for 27 years. He became famous around the world as an icon of the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Rock stars, actors, politicians and ordinary people campaigned to free him and end apartheid. He was released from prison in 1990 and the world rejoiced.

Nelson Mandela's call for racial reconciliation won him the hearts of millions. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1993, and over 250 more awards. A year later, he became his country's first ever black president and served in office until 1999. In his retirement, he continued to tirelessly campaign for many global causes until old age slowed him down. He died on the 5th of December, 2013, aged 95.

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. respected | a. numerous |
| 2. countless | b. awful |
| 3. tortured | c. split |
| 4. divided | d. admired |
| 5. terrible | e. association |
| 6. involvement | f. abused |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 7. equality | g. fence-building |
| 8. unity | h. symbol |
| 9. icon | i. fairness |
| 10. reconciliation | j. energetically |
| 11. tirelessly | k. fight |
| 12. campaign | l. oneness |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. one of the most loved and respected | a. in his nine decades |
| 2. a person from whom we can | b. for many global causes |
| 3. He experienced almost everything | c. system |
| 4. divided along black and white | d. all learn many lessons |
| 5. the terrible apartheid | e. of the struggle for freedom |
| 6. spreading his | f. people in the world |
| 7. an icon | g. of millions |
| 8. ordinary people | h. message of equality |
| 9. ... won him the hearts | i. racial lines |
| 10. tirelessly campaign | j. campaigned to free him |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Nelson Mandela was one of the (1) _____ people in the world. For countless reasons he was and (2) _____. He was a person from whom we can all learn many lessons. He experienced almost everything in his nine decades, from being tortured to becoming president of the country he loved. After retiring, he continued to travel the world, helping (3) _____ of global issues.

Nelson was born in 1918 into a South Africa (4) _____ black and white racial lines. He said he had a wonderful childhood and was a keen runner and boxer. He learnt more (5) _____ when he studied to become a lawyer. This led to his campaigning for equal rights (6) _____ African National Congress (ANC), which he later became the leader of.

The South African government (7) _____ Mandela from spreading his message of equality for blacks and racial unity. It put him in prison for 27 years. He became famous around the world as an icon of the (8) _____ South Africa. Rock stars, actors, politicians and ordinary people campaigned to free him and end apartheid. He (9) _____ 1990 and the world rejoiced.

Nelson Mandela's call (10) _____ him the hearts of millions. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1993, and over 250 more awards. A year later, he became (11) _____ black president and served in office until 1999. In his retirement, he continued to tirelessly campaign for many global (12) _____ him down. He died on the 5th of December, 2013, aged 95

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Nelson Mandela was one of the most loved and respected people in the world. For *countless / counted* reasons he was and remains a *huge / hug* hero. He was a person from whom we can all learn many lessons. He *experienced / experiencing* almost everything in his nine decades, from being tortured to becoming president of the country he loved. After *retiring / retired*, he continued to travel the world, helping people and raising awareness of global issues.

Nelson was born in 1918 into a South Africa that was *division / divided* along black and white *racial / racism* lines. He said he had a wonderful childhood and was a keen runner and boxer. He learnt more of the terrible apartheid system when he studied to become a lawyer. This *led / let* to his campaigning for equal rights and his *involved / involvement* in the African National Congress (ANC), which he later became the leader of.

The South African government did its *rest / best* to keep Mandela from spreading his *note / message* of equality for blacks and racial unity. It put him in prison for 27 years. He became famous around the world as an *icon / iconic* of the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Rock stars, actors, politicians and ordinary people campaigned to free him and end apartheid. He was released from prison in 1990 and the world *rejoined / rejoiced*.

Nelson Mandela's *call / called* for racial reconciliation won him the hearts of millions. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1993, and over 250 more awards. A year later, he became his country's first ever black president and served *on / in* office until 1999. In his retirement, he continued to *tirelessly / tireless* campaign for many global causes until old age slowed him *up / down*. He died on the 5th of December, 2013, aged 95

SPELLING:

These jumbled words (underlined) are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. one of the most presetdec people
2. countless rnsaoes
3. in his nine aesdcde
4. raising awareness of global issues

Paragraph 2

5. a South Africa that was eddvdi
6. He says he had a lwdueornf childhood
7. He first learnt of the rbitelre apartheid system
8. he studied to become a reawly

Paragraph 3

9. keep Mandela from spreading his gsaesme of equality
10. It put him in iorsnp for 27 years
11. He became fmsoau around the world
12. the world jriedeco

Paragraph 4

13. won him the hearts of lmnsioli
14. over 250 more asrwad
15. served in office utlni 1999
16. tirelessly aaicgmnp for many global causes

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

- () ordinary people campaigned to free him and end apartheid. He was released from prison in 1990 and the world rejoiced.
- () for equal rights and his involvement in the African National Congress (ANC), which he later became the leader of.
- () Nelson was born in 1918 into a South Africa that was divided along black and white racial
- () to becoming president of the country he loved. After retiring, he continued to travel
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- () The South African government did its best to keep Mandela from spreading his message
- () lines. He said he had a wonderful childhood and was a keen runner and boxer. He learnt more of the
- () reasons, he was and remains a huge hero. He was a person from whom we can all learn
- () the world, helping people and raising awareness of global issues.
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- () ever black president and served in office until 1999. In his retirement, he continued to tirelessly
- () many lessons. He experienced many things in his nine decades, from being tortured
- () around the world as an icon of the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Rock stars, actors, politicians and

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. countless For hero huge a is he reasons

2. nine almost decades everything He in experienced his

3. divided black white lines along and racial

4. childhood says had wonderful He he a

5. He system apartheid terrible the of learnt first

6. blacks his of for spreading message equality

7. the for an of struggle freedom icon

8. prison 1990 was from in Mandela released

9. country's first ever black president he was elected to be his

10. causes campaign He for continued many to global tirelessly.

DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Nelson Mandela?
2. Would you like to meet Nelson Mandela?
3. What would you like to know about Nelson Mandela and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Nelson Mandela?
2. What questions would you like to ask Nelson Mandela?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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THE NELSON MANDELA SURVEY:

Write five questions about Nelson Mandela in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Nelson Mandela. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NELSON MANDELA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Nelson Mandela. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Nelson Mandela. Include an imaginary interview with his best friend. Write about his example to the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Nelson Mandela expert. Ask him / her three questions about Mandela's life. Give him / her three of your thoughts on the great man. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Nelson Mandela expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.