

Reading is Fun

1. “Something is wrong,” said Helen’s mother. What was wrong with Helen?

Answer.

Helen could not hear or see when she was born.

2. Although Helen could not hear or see, what kind of girl was she?

Answer.

Helen was smart and a bright little girl.

3. Who agreed to help Helen?

Answer.

Miss Sullivan, a young teacher, agreed to help Helen to learn to see the world.

4. How did Miss Sullivan help Helen?

Answer.

Miss Sullivan taught Helen many words with the help of hand signs.

5. What did Helen learn when the teacher put her hand into the running water?

Answer.

Helen learnt the word WATER. She understood that water meant something wet, running over her hand.

6. What was the most important thing that Helen finally understood?

Answer.

Helen finally understood that words were the most important things in the world. Words would tell her everything she wanted to know.

Let’s Talk

1. Using sign language, make these letters with your hand.

‘C’, ‘H’, ‘E’, ‘K’.

Answer.

Do it yourself.

2. Spell these words through hand signs.

(a) Helen (b) was

Answer.

Do it yourself.

3. How do people who cannot see, read?

Answer.

Blind people read with the help of a special sign language.

4. What is the script for children who cannot see called?**Answer.**

The script for children who cannot see is called 'Braille script'.

5. How do you think you can help children who cannot see?**Answer.**

We can help blind children by holding their hands and playing indoor games with them. So that they can learn something out of it.

Let's Write**1. Match the two parts of sentences given under column 'A' or 'B'. Add 'but' to join the two parts and write complete sentences.**

Column A	Column B
(i) Helen lived after her illness	(a) her mother thought she could learn.
(ii) She could not see or hear	(b) she did not understand what she was doing.
(iii) People thought that she could not learn anything	(c) she could not hear or see.
(iv) Helen copied the words	(d) she was kind to Helen.
(v) Miss Sullivan was strict	(e) she was very intelligent.

Answer.

(i) Helen lived after her illness but she could not hear or see.

(ii) She could not see or hear but she was very intelligent.

(iii) People thought that she could not learn anything but her mother thought she could learn.

(iv) Helen copied the words but she did not understand what she was doing.

(v) Miss Sullivan was strict but she was kind to Helen.

Team Time

1. Read the following sentences

- (a) Her clothes were always dirty.
- (b) She was often angry.
- (c) Sometimes she lay on the floor.
- (d) Her parents never scolded her.

2. Ask yourself the following questions. Put a tick mark under the right column.

Questions	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
How often do you (a) obey your parents?	✓			
(b) visit your grandparents?		✓		
(c) fight with your brother or sister?			✓	
(d) help others?	✓			
(e) throw waste in the dustbin?	✓			
(f) switch off the lights, when you go out of the room?	✓			
(g) leave the tap on while brushing your teeth?				✓
(h) tear pages from your notebook?				✓

3. Now your friend will ask you the same questions.