



## Helen Keller Reading Comprehension

Helen Keller was an author and speaker who could not see or hear. She was from Tuscumbia, Alabama, and lost sight and hearing when she was 19 months old. When Helen was six, she met her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Helen struggled to learn the world and words. Anne showed Helen how to feel things, and then Anne would spell the word into Helen's hand. Helen learned to read with her hands using words and then Braille letters. She learned to speak by feeling a person's throat and lips to make and show the words. When Helen learned to read, talk, and write, the world was open to her.

Helen didn't let her challenges stop her. She wrote 14 books and over 400 speeches and essays. She wanted a better life for others who were deaf, blind, and disabled. She was the first deaf and blind person to go to college. William Gibson wrote a play about Helen learning to read, talk, and write. The play became a movie in 1962 called *The Miracle Worker*.

### 1. When was Helen's world opened?

- a. When she became deaf and blind
- b. When she met Anne Sullivan
- c. When she learned to read, talk, and write
- d. When she wrote 14 books

### 2. What is Helen Keller known for?

- a. Painting famous pictures
- b. Being the first blind and deaf to go to college
- c. Traveling around the United States
- d. Wrote a play and made a movie

### 3. How did Helen learn to speak?

- a. Feeling things
- b. Spelling words in her hand
- c. Touching words and bumps on a page
- d. Feeling lips and the throat

### 4. Who did Helen help?

- a. The blind, deaf, and disabled
- b. People in college
- c. Teachers
- d. Children

Answers:

- 1.) C
- 2.) B
- 3.) D
- 4.) A