

Chapter 10

Helen Keller

WORD MEANINGS (शब्दार्थ)

S.N.	Word	Meaning (Hindi / Explanation)
1	Illness	बीमारी
2	Deaf	बहरा
3	Able	योग्य होना
4	Screamed	चिल्लाती थी
5	Understand	समझना
6	Spell	हिज्जे करना
7	Dumb	गूंगा
8	Happiness	खुशी
9	All around	चारों तरफ
10	Symbol	संकेत
11	Lecturer	व्याख्याता
12	Numerous	अनेक, बहुत सारा
13	Including	शामिल है

EXERCISE: ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Who was Helen Keller?

Ans: Helen Keller was a famous American writer and social worker who overcame being blind and deaf.

2. How did Helen Keller become blind?

Ans: She became very ill when she was nineteen months old, and after her illness her parents found that she had gone blind.

3. What made her sad?

Ans: She knew that other people moved their lips to talk, but she didn't know how to speak like them, which made her sad.

EXERCISE QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

4. Describe the moment when Helen Keller learnt to spell the words?

Ans: When Miss Sullivan put Helen's hand in cold water at the garden well and spelt the word 'WATER' into her hand, Helen understood that this was the name of cold, wet substance.

5. How did Helen Keller become a writer?

Ans: She learnt to read from books braille, write and went to college at the age of twenty, eventually graduating at twenty-four and writing many books.

COMPREHENSION

A. Number these sentences in the correct order of occurrence in the story:

Sentence	Order
In the year 1880, a famous writer was born in America.	1
For five years, the little girl lived in a dark and silent world.	2
Miss Sullivan came to live with Helen Keller.	3
Helen Keller learnt many new words every day.	4
When she was nine years old, she learnt to speak.	5
She died in 1968, at the age of 88.	6

FUN WITH GRAMMAR

F. Complete the paragraph using the correct form of the action words given in the brackets:

Helen Keller was (is/was) a famous writer. She was blind and deaf. For five years, she lived (lives/lived) in a silent world. Her parents could not help (help/helped) her to learn. So, they called (call/called) Anne Sullivan to teach her. Miss Sullivan taught (teaches/taught) her to read, write and also speak. At the age of nine, Helen learnt (learns/learnt) to speak. When she was sixteen, she knew (knows/knew) how to speak five languages. At the age of 24, she graduated (graduates/graduated) and raised (rose/raised) money for the blind and deaf. She has written (write/written) many books.

G. SENTENCE TRANSFORMATIONS

Change the following sentences as per the directions given alongside:

1. Helen Keller was born blind. (*Change into negative*)

Ans: Helen Keller was not born blind.

2. She wasn't able to hear other people's voices. (*Change into affirmative*)

Ans: She was unable to hear other people's voices.

3. Anne Sullivan was Helen Keller's teacher. (*Change into interrogative*)

Ans: Was Anne Sullivan Helen Keller's teacher?

4. Helen touched everything in the garden. (*Change the voice*)

Ans: Everything in the garden was touched by Helen.

5. Helen Keller was a brave and wise girl. (*Change into exclamatory*)

Ans: What a brave and wise girl Helen Keller was!

PLAY WITH WORDS

H. Find the words from the chapter which mean the same as:

1. Sickness: illness

2. Unable to hear: deaf

3. Be in contact with: touch

4. High reputation: honour / famous

I. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the box:

Word Bank: wrote | college | social work | blind | deaf

1. Helen Keller was blind and deaf.

2. Miss Sullivan wrote letters on her hand.

3. When Helen was twenty years old, she went to college.

4. She won numerous awards for her social work.

J. Unscramble the following words:

S E R A P N T
→ PARENTS

K. Fill in the missing letters:

1. f a m o u s

2. t e a c h e r

3. u n d e r s t a n d

4. l e c t u r e r

