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Helen Keller was born in 1880 in Alabama. In 1882, she fell ill and became blind and deaf. Beginning in 1887, Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan, helped her to communicate. Anne taught Helen sign language and how to read Braille. It seemed she would never understand the world around her but she went on to prove that disabilities do not stand in the way of determination.

When she was six years old, her parents employed Anne Mansfield Sullivan as her special teacher. Anne taught her young pupil to connect hand signs with word meanings.

Helen soon learned to communicate with sign language and Braille. she even learned to speak. She devoted her life to helping other disabled people. She started Helen Keller International to help blind people in poor countries. She met 12 US presidents.

Helen said, "A blind person has a mind that can be educated, a hand which can be trained, ambitions...to realize."

**Answer the questions below.**

1. What happened to Helen Keller in her childhood? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Who was Helen Keller's teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Helen Keller learn from her teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Where is Helen Keller from? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How did Helen Keller help other blind people? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How many US presidents did she meet? \_\_\_\_\_



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**Use the words in the Word Box to complete the sentences below.**

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|-------|------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| blind | deaf             | sign language | braille | disabilities | determined | connected |
| prove | stand in the way | ill           | pupil   | educated     | trained    | poor      |

1. A person that can't see is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. No one or nothing will \_\_\_\_\_ of me graduating from college.
3. Sammy can \_\_\_\_\_ his brother took his cookies because his brother's breath smells like chocolate.
4. My cousin is really \_\_\_\_\_ to learn English. She goes to English class four times a week.
5. A person that can't hear is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There is someone on the news using \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate with the deaf people.
7. A person in a wheelchair, deaf and blind people have \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We go to school to be \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Another word for a student is a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. My neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ his dog to roll over and sit down.
11. Another word for sick is \_\_\_\_\_.
12. There is \_\_\_\_\_ on the elevators.
13. The legs and top of the desk have to be \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The opposite of rich is \_\_\_\_\_.