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Helen Keller & Overcoming Obstacles

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What happened when Helen Keller was two years old that affected the rest of her life?

- A. A woman came from Boston to be her teacher.
- B. A fever caused her to become blind and deaf.
- C. She learned to read and write.
- D. She met kings and queens.

2. Helen Keller often felt frustrated as a child because

- A. her sister teased her.
- B. she had a lot of chores.
- C. she couldn't communicate.
- D. she didn't want to learn to read.

3. Even though learning to read and write was very difficult, Keller never gave up. This shows

- A. perseverance.
- B. kindness.
- C. cruelty.
- D. humor.

4. How did Keller first learn the word water?

- A. Sullivan wrote it in braille.
- B. Sullivan taught it to her while they swam in a lake.
- C. She read Sullivan's lips while drinking a glass of water.
- D. Sullivan took her to the water pump and spelled it in her hand.

5. Braille is a system

- A. of pictures that stand for words.
- B. deaf people can use to speak.
- C. blind people can use to speak.
- D. blind people can use to read.

6. Keller became the { } to graduate from college.

- A. first deaf and blind person
- B. first person in her family
- C. youngest person
- D. oldest person

7. Someone who fights for people's rights is called a(n)

- A. doctor.
- B. author.
- C. activist.
- D. teacher.

8. Throughout her adult life, Keller fought for the rights of

- A. the blind and deaf.
- B. kings and queens.
- C. animals.
- D. authors.

9. Which of the following statements about Keller's adult life is true?

- A. She became the first blind senator.
- B. She stayed home and never went out.
- C. She became a teacher for blind children.
- D. She traveled the world and met important people.

10. Helen Keller's book *The Story of My Life*

- A. was published in over 50 languages.
- B. is about her life in France.
- C. didn't sell many copies.
- D. is fiction.