
2. Topic: Helen Keller

Lecture-1

Key words:

1. born
2. ill
3. wild
4. comb
5. dirty
6. angry
7. smart
8. teacher
9. hand signs



Helen Keller and Miss Sullivan

Characters:

1. Helen Keller – the ill girl
2. Miss Sullivan- Helen's teacher

Theme of the story:

The true story 'Helen Keller' is about an American ill (deaf and dumb) girl called Helen Keller and how her teacher Miss Sullivan helped her to have a normal happy life like other people through learning new words.

Summary:

Helen Keller's birth and illness:

Helen was **born** as a healthy baby girl during the summer of 1880 in Alabama (an American state). Her parents loved her dearly and named her Helen. But one day, the baby became ill and day after day, her fever stayed high. She could not see or hear after her **illness**. Helen often cried and began to grow **wild**. She would not let anyone **comb** her hair. Her clothes were always **dirty**. She was often **angry**. Sometimes, she often lay on the floor and kicked her feet. But she was a **smart** and bright girl. She was able to learn new things.

Miss Sullivan:

Helen's parents found a **teacher** to teach Helen called Miss Sullivan. She was young and strict but kind. She tried to help her to get better. She made the letters with special **hand signs**. She spelt the word with her fingers into Helen's hand and Helen copied her teacher but she could not understand what she was doing.

EXERCISES

A. Answer each question in one sentence:

1. Where was the baby girl born?
2. What did her parents name her?
3. What stayed high after one day when the baby became ill?
4. Who tried to help her to get better?
5. Who said that something was wrong?

Lecture-2

Key words:

1. born
2. d-o-l-l
3. w-a-t-e-r
4. understood
5. thirty
6. sound
7. happy
8. 625
9. college
10. famous
11. 25 countries
12. Encouraged

Summary:

Helen learned words:

With the help of Miss Sullivan, Helen started to learn new words. She learned the word **D-O-L-L** first but did not know that she was spelling a word. One day, her teacher made Helen put her hand into running water. Then, she spelt **W-A-T-E-R**. Suddenly, Helen understood that **W-A-T-E-R** meant something wet, running over her hand. She understood that words were the most important things in the world. Words would tell her everything she wanted to know. Helen learned **thirty** words that day- *mother, father, sister, teacher* were among them. She learned to say the words by making **sound**. She felt **happy** to understand the things all around her.

Helen's changed happy life:

By the end of August, in six short months, Helen knew **625** words. When Helen was 16 years old, she could speak well enough to go to **college**. Helen Keller, the little girl, became one of history's most **famous** women. She **travelled** around the world, speaking in more than **25 countries** in the five major continents. Wherever she went, she **encouraged** millions of people.

EXERCISES

B. Choose the right answer:

1. In which season was the baby born in?
A. Summer B. winter C. Fall D. spring
2. But she was not the same after her _____.
A. illness B. birth C. education D. training
3. Who thought Helen could not learn anything?
A. some people B. few people C. everyone D. her parents
4. She was often _____.
A. angry B. nice C. sick D. humble
5. Sit, stand and walk which parts of speech are these?
A. verb B. noun C. adjective D. adverb
6. She understood that ____ were the most important thing in the world.
A. words B. books C. lands D. tools

word meaning:

1. Wild (adj.)–
2. Agree (v.) –
3. Strict(adj.) –
4. Exist (v.)–
5. Courage (n.)–

✚ Keywords of the story are in blue colour.

✚ Dear students, please learn the word meaning above and read the story again and again for a better understand. Good luck and thank you. 😊

ANSWER

Answer each question in one sentence:

1. Ans. The baby girl was born in a small town in Alabama.
2. Ans. Her parents named her Helen Keller.
3. Ans. Fever stayed high when one day the baby was ill.
4. Ans. Her young teacher Miss Sullivan helped her to get better.
5. Ans. Helen Keller's mother said that something was wrong.

Choose the right answer:

1. Ans. A. summer
2. Ans. A. illness
3. Ans. A. some people
4. Ans. A. angry
5. Ans. A. words

Word Meaning:

1. Wild (adj.)– uncivilized
2. Agree (v.) – have the same opinion about something
3. Strict(adj.) – following rules exactly
4. Exist (v.)– be found
5. Courage (n.)– the ability to control one's fear in a dangerous situation