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## **Level 1**

# **World mourns Nelson Mandela**

**8th December, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131208-nelson-mandela-1.html>

People all over the world are mourning the death of Nelson Mandela. Thousands met in South African cities to say goodbye to the man they loved. They danced, sang, cried and prayed. Mr Mandela died aged 95 after months of illness. South Africa's president reported his death on TV. He said: "Our nation has lost its greatest son." Mr Mandela spent most of his life fighting for equal rights. He spent 27 years in jail and then became president in 1994.

World leaders praised Mr Mandela. Desmond Tutu said: "God was so good to us...by giving us Nelson Mandela." Barack Obama said: "He achieved more than could be expected of any man. Today, he has gone home." The UN's leader said he was a "giant for justice and a down-to-earth human inspiration". He said he "showed what is possible...if we believe, dream and work together". Britain's leader called him a hero and that "a great light has gone out in the world".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-25252626>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131208-nelson-mandela-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. People all over the world | a. its greatest son        |
| 2. Thousands met             | b. cried and prayed        |
| 3. say goodbye to the        | c. in jail                 |
| 4. They danced, sang,        | d. in South African cities |
| 5. months                    | e. rights                  |
| 6. Our nation has lost       | f. of illness              |
| 7. fighting for equal        | g. are mourning            |
| 8. He spent 27 years         | h. man they loved          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. World leaders           | a. is possible        |
| 2. God was so              | b. him a hero         |
| 3. He achieved more than   | c. good to us         |
| 4. a down-to-              | d. out in the world   |
| 5. he showed what          | e. praised Mr Mandela |
| 6. if we believe, dream    | f. earth human        |
| 7. Britain's leader called | g. could be expected  |
| 8. a great light has gone  | h. and work together  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are mourning the death of Nelson Mandela. Thousands met in South African cities to say goodbye to the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They danced, sang, cried and prayed. Mr Mandela (3) \_\_\_\_\_ after months of illness. South Africa's president reported his death on TV. He said: "Our nation has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ son." Mr Mandela spent most of his life (5) \_\_\_\_\_ rights. He spent 27 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ then became president in 1994.

World (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Mandela. Desmond Tutu said: "God (8) \_\_\_\_\_...by giving us Nelson Mandela." Barack Obama said: "He achieved more than could be (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Today, he has gone home." The UN's leader said he was a "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ and a down-to-earth human inspiration". He said he "(11) \_\_\_\_\_...if we believe, dream and work together". Britain's leader called him a hero and that "a great (12) \_\_\_\_\_ out in the world".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PeopleallovertheworldaremourningthedeathofNelsonMandela.ThousandsmetinSouthAfricancitiestosaygoodbyetothemantheyloved.Theydanced,sang,criedandprayed.MrMandeladiedaged95aftermonthsofillness.SouthAfrica'spresidentreportedhisdeathonTV.Hesaid:"Ournationhaslostitsgreatestson."MrMandelaspentmostofhislifefightingforequalrights.Hespent27yearsinjailandthenbecamepresidentin1994.WorldleaderspraisedMrMandela.DesmondTutusaid:"Godwassogoodtous...bygivingusNelsonMandela."BarackObamasaid:"Heachievedmorethancouldbeexpectedofanyman.Today,hehasgonhome."TheUN'sleadersaidhewasa"giantforjusticeandadown-to-earthhumaninspiration".Hesaidhe"showedwhatispossible...ifwebelieve,dreamandworktogether".Britain'sleadercalledhimaheroandthat"agreatlighthasgoneoutintheworld".

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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