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## **Level 2**

# **World mourns Nelson Mandela**

**8th December, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131208-nelson-mandela-2.html>

South Africans and people worldwide are mourning the death of Nelson Mandela. Thousands of people met in Johannesburg and Soweto to say goodbye to their country's first black president. They danced, sang, cried and prayed for the man they loved. Mr Mandela died aged 95 on Thursday after months of illness. South Africa's president announced Mr Mandela's death on late-night TV. He said: "Our nation has lost its greatest son." Mr Mandela spent most of his life campaigning for equal rights. He spent 27 years in jail and then became South Africa's president in 1994.

World leaders had a lot of praise for Mr Mandela. His good friend Desmond Tutu said: "God was so good to us in South Africa 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 Secretary-General said he was "a giant for justice and a down-to-earth human inspiration". He added: "Nelson Mandela showed what is possible for our world...if we believe, dream and work together." British leader David Cameron tweeted: "Nelson Mandela was a hero of our time. A great light has gone out in the world."

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131208-nelson-mandela-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. people worldwide are mourning the | a. first black president   |
| 2. Thousands of people               | b. they loved              |
| 3. say goodbye to their country's    | c. rights                  |
| 4. They danced, sang, cried          | d. death of Nelson Mandela |
| 5. the man                           | e. in jail                 |
| 6. Our nation has lost               | f. met in Johannesburg     |
| 7. campaigning for equal             | g. and prayed              |
| 8. He spent 27 years                 | h. its greatest son        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. World leaders had a lot of     | a. possible for our world |
| 2. God was so                     | b. of our time            |
| 3. He achieved more than could be | c. earth                  |
| 4. down-to-                       | d. praise for Mr Mandela  |
| 5. Nelson Mandela showed what is  | e. and work together.     |
| 6. if we believe, dream           | f. out in the world       |
| 7. Nelson Mandela was a hero      | g. expected of any man    |
| 8. A great light has gone         | h. good to us             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SouthAfricansandpeopleworldwidearemourningthedeathofNelson Mandela.ThousandsofpeopletetinJohannesburgandSowetotosay goodbyetotheircountry'sfirstblackpresident.Theydanced,sang,crie dandprayedforthemantheyloved.MrMandeladiedaged95onThursd ayaftermonthsofillness.SouthAfrica'spresidentannouncedMrMand ela'sdeathonlate-nightTV.Hesaid:"Ournationhaslostitsgreatest son."MrMandelaspentmostofhislifecampaigningforequalrights.He spent27yearsinjailandthenbecameSouthAfrica'spresidentin1994. WorldleadershadalotofpraiseforMrMandela.HisgoodfriendDesmon dTutusaid:"GodwassogoodtousinSouthAfricabygivingusNelsonMa ndela."BarackObamasaid:"Heachievedmorethancouldbeexpected ofanyman.Today,hehasgonehome."TheUNSecretary-Generalsaid hewas"agiantforjusticeandadown-to-earthhumaninspiration".Hea dded:"NelsonMandelashowedwhatispossibleforourworld...ifwebeli eve,dreamandworktogether."BritishleaderDavidCamerontweeted : "NelsonMandelawasaheroofourtime.Agreatlighthasgoneoutinthe world."

## 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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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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