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Obama praises Mandela as an "inspiration"

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THE READING

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U.S. President Barack Obama thanked Nelson Mandela for being his hero. Mr Obama was visiting South Africa. Although Mandela is very ill, Obama did not visit him. The White House said Obama cared about Mr Mandela's health. Obama told reporters that he didn't want to make Mr Mandela more ill. He said: "I don't need a photo op." He added: "The last thing I want to do is [get in the way] when the family is concerned about Nelson."

President Obama called Mandela a "personal hero". He said Mandela gave his life for equal rights. He also said Mandela's actions helped him in his own job. Obama said he wanted to say a big thank you to Mr Mandela. He said Mandela was a great leader and that all Americans were praying for him. Obama later told students in Pretoria to learn lessons from Mandela's 27 years in prison. He said there were "dark moments" but Mr Mandela never gave up.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. President Barack Obama | a. about Mr Mandela's health |
| 2. Obama cared | b. more ill |
| 3. he didn't want to make Mr Mandela | c. is get in the way |
| 4. I don't need a photo | d. op |
| 5. The last thing I want to do | e. about Nelson |
| 6. the family is concerned | f. thanked Nelson Mandela |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Obama called Mandela | a. in his own job |
| 2. Mandela gave his life | b. Mr Mandela never gave up |
| 3. Mandela's actions helped him | c. for equal rights |
| 4. he wanted to say | d. praying for him |
| 5. all Americans were | e. a "personal hero" |
| 6. there were "dark moments" but | f. a big thank you |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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U.S. President Barack Obama thanked Nelson Mandela (1) _____.

Mr Obama was visiting South Africa. Although Mandela is very ill, Obama

(2) _____. The White House said Obama cared about Mr

Mandela's health. Obama (3) _____ he didn't want to make Mr

Mandela more ill. He said: "I (4) _____." He added: "The last

thing I want to do is [get in the way] when the (5) _____

Nelson."

President Obama called Mandela a "personal hero". He said Mandela gave his

(6) _____. He also said Mandela's actions helped him in his own

job. Obama said he wanted (6) _____ to Mr Mandela. He said

Mandela (7) _____ and that all Americans (8) _____.

Obama later told students in Pretoria (9) _____ Mandela's 27

years in prison. He said there (10) _____ but Mr Mandela never

gave up.

NELSON MANDELA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Nelson Mandela in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

