

# World mourns Nelson Mandela

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South Africans and people from all over the world are mourning the death of Nelson Mandela. In South Africa, thousands of people gathered in Johannesburg and Soweto to say goodbye to their country's first ever 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 Jacob Zuma broke the news of Mr Mandela's death in a late night speech on TV. Mr Zuma said: "Our nation has lost its greatest son." Mr Mandela spent most of his life campaigning for equal rights in South Africa. He spent 27 years in jail before becoming South Africa's president in 1994.

Leaders from all over the world heaped praise on Mr Mandela. His long-time friend Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: "God was so good to us in South Africa by giving us Nelson Mandela." US President Barack Obama said: "He achieved more than could be expected of any man. Today, he has gone home." UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called him "a giant for justice and a down-to-earth human inspiration". He added: "Nelson Mandela showed what is possible for our world and within each one of us if we believe, dream and work together for justice and humanity." British Prime Minister David Cameron tweeted: "Nelson Mandela was a hero of our time. A great light has gone out in the world."

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## Writing

*Nelson Mandela was the greatest person of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.* Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*all over the world / mourning / say goodbye / prayed / illness / equal rights / jail / praise / long-time friend / achieved more / justice / down-to-earth / humanity / hero*

## True / False

- The article says thousands gathered in Cape Town to mourn Mandela. T / F
- People danced, sang and prayed in the streets. T / F
- South Africa's president told the world first about Mr Mandela's death. T / F
- Nelson Mandela was in prison for more than 27 years. T / F
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu thanked God for giving Mandela to S. Africa. T / F
- Barack Obama said many people have achieved the same as Mandela. T / F
- Ban Ki-moon said Nelson Mandela was very down-to-earth. T / F
- David Cameron posted on Facebook that Mandela was a hero. T / F

## Synonym Match

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. mourning      | a. fairness     |
| 2. gathered      | b. fighting     |
| 3. illness       | c. tributes     |
| 4. campaigning   | d. met          |
| 5. jail          | e. hoped for    |
| 6. praise        | f. grieving for |
| 7. expected      | g. all people   |
| 8. justice       | h. sickness     |
| 9. down-to-earth | i. prison       |
| 10. humanity     | j. level-headed |

## Discussion – Student A

- What would your tribute be to Nelson Mandela?
- How will Nelson Mandela be remembered in history?
- What would the world be like if we all followed Nelson Mandela's example?
- What other world leaders are loved as much as Nelson Mandela?
- What did you like most about Nelson Mandela?
- Why was Mr Mandela awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
- Nelson Mandela said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Do you agree?
- What questions would you like to have asked Nelson Mandela?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. people from all over the world            | a. over the world     |
| 2. thousands of people gathered              | b. rights             |
| 3. cried and prayed for                      | c. giving us Nelson   |
| 4. campaigning for equal                     | d. in Johannesburg    |
| 5. He spent                                  | e. are mourning       |
| 6. Leaders from all                          | f. each one of us     |
| 7. God was so good to us in South Africa by  | g. out in the world   |
| 8. a down-to-                                | h. 27 years in jail   |
| 9. what is possible for our world and within | i. earth human        |
| 10. A great light has gone                   | j. the man they loved |

## Discussion – Student B

- What can we learn from Nelson Mandela?
- What were you doing when you heard the news of Mandela's death?
- What are your earliest memories of Nelson Mandela?
- What is the best way for the world to remember Nelson Mandela?
- What do you know about Nelson Mandela's life in prison?
- What do you know about Nelson Mandela's fight against apartheid?
- Who is your greatest inspiration or biggest hero?
- What did Nelson Mandela change?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. h	4. b	5. i
6. c	7. e	8. a	9. j	10. g

## Role Play

### Role A – A Website

You think a website is the best way to remember Nelson Mandela. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that might not work with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): stamps and coins, a worldwide holiday or a statue at the UN.

### Role B – Stamps and coins

You think stamps and coins are the best way to remember Nelson Mandela. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that might not work with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a website, a worldwide holiday or a statue at the UN.

### Role C – Worldwide holiday

You think a worldwide holiday is the best way to remember Nelson Mandela. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that might not work with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): stamps and coins, a website or a statue at the UN.

### Role D – A statue at the UN

You think a statue at the UN is the best way to remember Nelson Mandela. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that might not work with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): stamps and coins, a worldwide holiday or a website.

## Speaking - Remember

Rank these ways of remembering Nelson Mandela and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a website
- a Mandela national holiday
- a Mandela park
- a statue at the UN
- stamps and coins
- scholarships for children
- a special UN prize
- an international concert

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.