Worksheet 12. Reading -- Helen Keller: An Amazing Woman

Read the true story about Helen Keller. Complete the sentences with the correct words from the word pool.

able amazing blind couldn’t deaf graduated knew right away

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Helen Keller was an amazing woman. As a newborn baby, she was totally normal, but she lost her sight and hearing from an illness when she was a young child. She couldn’t see – she became ______ blind ___________. She couldn’t hear – she became ___________.

When she was seven years old, her parents found a special teacher for her, Annie Sullivan. Annie taught Helen everything. At first, Helen _____________ do anything, but soon she learned to communicate by touch. Annie wrote the shape of letters on her hand, and soon Annie _______________ how to spell. She touched the mouths of people while they were speaking, and soon she was ____________ to talk, too. She could converse. And she had a wonderful imagination. Annie stayed with Helen for 49 years.

Helen was smart and she learned things _________________. She went to Radcliffe College, and she ________________ from there in 1904. After that, she wrote several books. She traveled around the country and made ______________ about people with disabilities. She worked very hard to help disabled people.

Helen died in 1968 at age 87. During her lifetime, she brought attention to the difficulties of disabled people. She showed _________________ strength, and she had a very full life.

made speeches = spoke in public about a special subject