

Revision Notes
Class 4: English
Chapter 5: Helen Keller

Helen Keller Revision Notes

- The story is of the year 1880 when a couple in Alabama was blessed with a baby girl. She was named Helen Keller and was loved dearly.
- Helen fell ill and the fever remained high for days, her parents grew anxious and felt even after everything they did, she might not get through this, she might not live.
- Helen survived the illness but came back differently, now she was deaf and blind.
- She held onto her mother and each day grew wild, locking herself in her room, not letting anyone comb and dress her.
- Her parents did everything they could to assist her. They believed she is a smart girl and her mother expected her to learn throughout her life.
- Her parents believed a teacher could better guide her and Miss Sullivan kindly agreed to help her.
- Miss Sullivan first taught Helen to spell doll, by making her hold a doll and then writing the spelling on her hand.
- Helen gained enormous confidence and pride as her instructor attempted to spell out the word "doll" on her hands with her fingers, allowing her to feel the concepts and understand them.
- A real breakthrough happened when, she learnt the spelling of water, by putting her hand through the running water. She understood water was wet and that words truly give meaning to everything.
- This was the birth of a new perception. She was overjoyed with her newfound knowledge and felt as though she was comfortable with the surroundings.
- She was overjoyed that now she can know about everything she wants to through words.

Moral of the Story

- From Helen's parents we can learn that we should never give up even if everything seems difficult and impossible.

- We should always be positive that things can get better when there is proper guidance.
- From Miss Sullivan we can learn to not differentiate between any human being and to treat everyone equally with kindness and respect.
- Helen Keller teaches us that knowledge can be gained in different ways and there is not just one way to do so.
- All we have to do is have the will to keep learning and trying.

Helen Keller Class 4 New Words Meaning with Examples

Word	Meaning	Examples
Dearly	A lot or at a high cost.	Giving back to the ones you love dearly is wonderful.
Illness	A disease or period of illness that affects the mind or any body part.	She had an illness since birth.
Agreed	Having the same mindset and opinion as to the other. Past of "agree."	My father agreed when I said we could visit the water park this summer.
Important	Something valuable and highly worthy.	Meeting my family once every month is very important to me.

Helen Keller NCERT Questions Answers

Reading is Fun

1. "Something is wrong," said Helen's mother. What was wrong with Helen?

Ans: Helen's sickness and fever caused her to go blind and deaf. "Something is wrong," her mother reasoned.

2. Although Helen could not hear or see, what kind of girl was she?

Ans: Helen couldn't hear or see, but she was a clever and intelligent little girl.

3. Who agreed to help Helen?

Ans: Miss Sullivan, a teacher was kind and generously agreed to help Helen.

4. How did Miss Sullivan help Helen?

Ans: Helen received a doll from Miss Sullivan. She spelt DOLL and scrawled it on Helen's hand with her fingers. She taught her sign language in this manner so that she might learn the words.

5. What did Helen learn when the teacher put her hand into running water?

Ans: Helen learned the new word WATER when the teacher immersed her palm in rushing water. She also grasped the concept of water after discovering it was wet and running down her palm when she touched it.

6. What was the most important thing that Helen finally understood?

Ans: Helen finally realised that words are the most essential thing in the universe. She understands everything through words.

Solved Example Practice Questions

Now with the knowledge of Helen Keller Summary let us answer a few questions.

1. How did Helen learn to speak?

Ans: Helen learned to speak through words which her teacher Miss Sullivan very smartly let her feel and understand by writing the words on her hand.

2. How did Helen's parents decide to approach and guide Helen?

Ans: Helen's mother always believed that she was a smart little girl and this can be brought forward by letting a teacher guide her in education and help her see the world.

3. How was Miss Sullivan with Helen?

Ans: Miss Sullivan was very patient with Helen. Helen understood Miss Sullivan to be strict but gentle and kind.

