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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 praised Nelson Mandela while he was visiting Africa. Obama said Mandela was an inspiration to him. Mr Obama didn't visit Mr Mandela in hospital because of Mandela's poor health. The White House explained that Mandela's peace and comfort and his family's wishes were more important. Obama told reporters that he did not want to do anything to put Mr Mandela's health at risk. He said: "I don't need a photo op". He added that he did not want to get in the way at Mandela's hospital, especially when the family is concerned about Nelson Mandela's condition.

President Obama called Mandela a "personal hero". He said Mandela gave up many things in his life to get equal rights. He said Mandela's actions helped his own career. While flying to South Africa, Obama told reporters that "the main message we'll want to deliver" is a big thank you "for his leadership". He added that: "The thoughts and prayers of the American people are with him". Obama later told university students in Pretoria to learn lessons from Mandela's 27 years in prison. He said: "There were dark moments that tested his faith in humanity, but he refused to give up."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Obama praised | a. poor health |
| 2. Mandela was an | b. get in the way |
| 3. because of Mandela's | c. at risk |
| 4. his family's wishes were | d. Nelson Mandela |
| 5. put Mr Mandela's health | e. condition |
| 6. I don't need a photo | f. more important |
| 7. did not want to | g. op |
| 8. concerned about Nelson Mandela's | h. inspiration to him |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Obama called Mandela | a. 27 years in prison |
| 2. Mandela gave | b. rights |
| 3. get equal | c. the American people |
| 4. Mandela's actions helped | d. tested his faith |
| 5. The thoughts and prayers of | e. a "personal hero" |
| 6. learn lessons from Mandela's | f. to give up |
| 7. dark moments that | g. up many things |
| 8. he refused | h. his own career |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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White House explained that Mandela's (3) _____ his
family's wishes were more important. Obama told reporters that he did not
(4) _____ put Mr Mandela's health at risk. He said: "I don't
need a photo op". He added that he did not (5) _____
Mandela's hospital, especially when (6) _____ about
Nelson Mandela's condition.

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reporters (9) _____ we'll want to deliver" is a big thank
you "for his leadership". He added that: "The (10) _____
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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)

