

Worksheet 1

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Nelson Mandela was one of the most loved and respected people in the world. For **countless / counted** reasons he was and remains a **huge / hug** hero. He was a person from whom we can all learn many lessons. He **experienced / experiencing** almost everything in his nine decades, from being tortured to becoming president of the country he loved. After **retiring / retired**, he continued to travel the world, helping people and raising awareness of global issues.

Nelson was born in 1918 into a South Africa that was **division / divided** along black and white **racial / racism** lines. He said he had a wonderful childhood and was a keen runner and boxer. He learnt more of the terrible apartheid system when he studied to become a lawyer. This **led / let** to his campaigning for equal rights and his **involved / involvement** in the African National Congress (ANC), which he later became the leader of.

The South African government did its **rest / best** to keep Mandela from spreading his **note / message** of equality for blacks and racial unity. It put him in prison for 27 years. He became famous around the world as an **icon / iconic** of the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Rock stars, actors, politicians and ordinary people campaigned to free him and end apartheid. He was released from prison in 1990 and the world rejoined / rejoiced.

Nelson Mandela's **call / called** for racial reconciliation won him the hearts of millions. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1993, and over 250 more awards. A year later, he became his country's first ever black president and served **on / in office** until 1999. In his retirement, he continued to **tirelessly / tireless** campaign for many global causes until old age slowed him up / down. He died on the 5th of December, 2013, aged 95