

# NELSON MANDELA: AN AFRICAN HERO



## Fact File:

**Profession:** Lawyer, activist, politician, president, philanthropist

**Birth name:** Rolihlahla (troublemaker)

**Xhosa clan name:** Madiba (sign of respect and affection)

**Date of birth:** 18 July, 1918

**Place of birth:** Mvezo, Transkei, South Africa

**1930:** Death of his father

**1939:** Mandela's first year at Fort Harare, a prestigious South African university

**1944:** Joined the African National Congress (ANC)

**1944:** Married his first wife, Evelyn Ntoko Mase and divorced her in 1957. Had four children with her

**1958:** Married Winnie Mandela and divorced her in 1996. Had two children with her

**1960:** Massacre of 69 peaceful protesters in Sharpeville. The ANC and the PAC (Pan African Congress) banned subsequently

**1961:** Launching of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the ANC's military wing. Mandela chosen as its leader

**1962:** Mandela arrested and sentenced to five years imprisonment. Two years later, sentenced to life imprisonment for treason and sabotage. Released after 27 years

**1968:** Passing away of his mother and son. Mandela kept from attending their funerals

**1977:** Death of Steve Biko, a leading political activist, in prison.

**1986:** Tightening of economic sanctions against the South African apartheid government by the international community

**1990:** Ban against the ANC lifted. Mandela elected as its leader a year later

**1993:** Received the Nobel Peace Prize. Shared it with former South African president, F.W. de Klerk

**18 July, 1998:** Married Graca Machela, widowed wife of Mozambican president, Samora Machel.

**1994-1999:** Served as first black president of South Africa.

**05 December, 2013:** Died of lung cancer



1. **SENTENCE BUILDING:** Write full sentences from the information found in Nelson Mandela's Fact File. Use the Simple Past form and the Passive Voice. Pay attention to punctuation.

**Examples**

• **Date and place of birth:** Nelson Mandela was born on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1918, in the village of Mvezo, in Transkei, South Africa.

• **1930:** His father died in 1930.

a. **Birth name:**.....

b. **Xhosa clan name:**.....

c. **Profession:**.....

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d. **1939:**.....

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o. **18 July, 1998:**.....

p. **1960:**.....

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q. **1994-1999:**.....

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r. **05 December, 2013:**.....

2. **REGULAR AND IRREGULAR SIMPLE PAST:** Read Nelson Mandela's timeline and pick out all the verbs in the **Simple Past** form and classify them in the table below.

Simple Past	Verb Stem	Regular	Irregular
Died	Die	*	

3. **PRONUNCIATION:** Classify the **Simple Past** Verb forms according to the pronunciation of their endings.  
*asked; cleaned; protested; killed; looked; closed; washed; created; lived; divided; appeared; died; wanted; visited; travelled; divorced; married; served; sentenced; arrested; joined; shared: received: released; passed away*

/t/	/d/	/id/	/t/	/d/	/id/
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**CONSTRUCTION:**

- Verbs ending with the letters **B,V,L** and vowels such as **E** are pronounced with:.....
- Verbs ending with the letters **P,K,S** are pronounced with:.....
- Verbs ending with the letters **T** and **D** are pronounced with:.....



**Pay attention to one-syllable verbs and verbs ending with L in British English**

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| a. Stop: Stopped             | f. Tip:.....       | b. Sleep: ..... |
| b. Travel: Travell <b>ed</b> | g. Label:.....     | c. Talk:.....   |
| c. Crop:.....                | h. Level:.....     | d. Stand:.....  |
| d. Plan:.....                | <b>BUT</b>         | e. Put:.....    |
| e. Excel:.....               | a. Sit: <b>Sat</b> | f. Cut:.....    |