

Helen Keller : Special People : Year 1/2

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To explore Helen Keller and her early life.	Children will learn about aspects of Keller's early life and consider how she may have felt in a variety of situations. They may then describe Keller's early life in their own words, or describe how she may have felt at key moments during her childhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children explain who Helen Keller was? • Can children retell a story about a special person in history? • Can children use written methods to describe Helen Keller's early life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Worksheet 1A/1B/1C • Word Bank • Helen Keller Sequence Cards (FSD? activity only) • Emotion Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To explore the five senses and how Helen coped without two of them.	Children will consider how the loss of certain senses can affect communication, and learn about how Keller began to adapt to the loss of sight and hearing as she learned to communicate. They may then either match senses to actions, or undertake a range of activities where one of their senses is impaired.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children explain how Helen Keller communicated with others? • Do children understand people can still communicate if they are deaf or blind? • Can children explain what senses are needed to carry out different activities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Action Cards • Five Senses Cards • Worksheet 2A/2B • Blindfolds and earplugs (FSD? activity only) • Plastic cups and claves (or similar hand percussion) (FSD? activity only) • Activity Challenge Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To explore how Helen Keller helped other people.	Children will learn about Keller's later life, including how she helped others with visual/hearing impairments. They may then undertake activities where they sort information about Keller, describe her in their own words, or design posters/booklets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children explain what Helen Keller did to help others? • Do children understand why Helen Keller is a hero/significant person? • Do children understand why people are remembered from our past? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Sorting Cards • Worksheet 3A/3B • Word Bank • Hero Poster (for FSD? activity only) • Hero Booklet A and B (for FSD? activity only)

