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## Florence Nightingale

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Florence Nightingale was born in Italy on 12th May, 1820. She was named after the city of Florence. Florence's father William Nightingale was a rich banker. By the time she was 12, she was determined to "do something worthwhile". She liked books. She enjoyed caring for sick farmers on her father's estate. She used every spare minute to learn from nursing books. She visited hospitals in London and the surrounding area. Her parents didn't want her working in those "dirty" hospitals, but she was determined. In 1851, Florence went to Germany, to a Christian nursing school for women. She learned nursing for three months. It was hard work, but she loved it. She was an excellent student, and after her graduation, she returned to London and got a job running a hospital. During the Crimean War, she was put in charge of nursing. She went to the battlefield with 38 nurses. The hospital was a huge, dirty barracks building. She got men to clean it up and managed to get the supplies they needed. At night Florence walked around the wards, she sat with dying soldiers. She wrote letters home for men who could not write. She carried a lantern, so the soldiers called her 'The Lady with the Lamp'. She saved thousands of lives. Florence worked so hard she became ill. But she went on writing letters, collecting facts and figures. In 1907 she was awarded the Order of Merit. She was the first woman to receive this honour. Florence Nightingale died on 13th August 1910. She showed that trained nurses and clean hospitals helped sick people get better. She was the founder of modern nursing.



Answer each question.

1. What do you know about the early life of Florence Nightingale?
2. When did she go to Germany and what did she do there?
3. What did Florence do in the Crimean War?
4. How did she look after the soldiers?
5. When did she get the award?
6. When did Florence Nightingale die and what she did for the people?

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## The Astronaut's Diary

**Read the passage. Then answer the questions.**

We were exhausted from all the work. We slept in shifts. One of us had to be awake all the time. Finally, we got to our destination. We had reached the space station. We had so much to do every day on our ship. Now there would be more people to help us. We would be on a collaborative team. When we moved into the space station, I felt great. There was so much more space. We would have real beds to sleep in. We would have better food.

The six astronauts on the space station were happy to see us. They said, "We have been waiting for you." We were glad to see them, too. That first night on the space station was great. We had good food. We had a good dinner. Then we were going to sleep. But one of the astronauts said, "We need to give you a job. Each person has to take turns staying awake. Here is the schedule." I saw I was first. I would have to stay awake tonight. I had been awake and working for 20 hours. I became an astronaut so that I could travel in space. Now I'm here. It is hard work. It's even more challenging than I expected.

### Answer the Questions.

1. What's the name of their destination?
2. Why did he feel great?
3. How many astronauts on the space station?
4. How did they enjoy on the space station?
5. What did one of the astronauts say?
6. How long had he been working?



## UNSEEN PASSAGE-I

Each question carries one mark.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow-

Scientists know many things about the Sun. They know how old it is. The Sun is more than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  billion years old. They also know the Sun's size. The Sun may seem small, but that is because it is so far away. It is about 93 million miles (150 million kilometers) away from the Earth. The Sun is so large that the diameter of the Sun is 109 times the Earth's diameter. The Sun also weighs as much as 333,000 Earths. The Sun is the center of our Solar System. Besides the Sun, the Solar System is made up of the planets, moons, asteroid belt, comets, meteors, and other objects.

- (a) How old is the sun ?
- (b) Why does the sun seem small ?
- (c) What is the distance of the sun from the Earth ?
- (d) What is there at the center of the Solar System?
- (e) What is the solar system made up of?
- (f) Complete the sentence  
The Sun is so large that the diameter of the Sun is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) What is the opposite of **many**- \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) Write one describing words from the passage : \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Find out a naming word from the passage - \_\_\_\_\_
- (j) Give a title to the passage \_\_\_\_\_



## Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was born on the 18th July, 1918 in Mvezo, South Africa. Rolihlahla is his birth name, Nelson was a nickname given to him by his teacher in school. He went to Fort Hare University and the University of Witwatersrand, where he studied law. Nelson wanted all the people in South Africa to be treated equally and have equal rights. He planned to bomb certain buildings, but only the buildings. He wanted to make sure that no one would get hurt. In 1962 he was arrested. He spent 27 years in prison. In 1990 Nelson was released. He was the president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.



### Questions:

1. What year was Nelson Mandela born?
  - a. 1920
  - b. 1918
  - c. 1915
  - d. 1925
2. What is Nelson's birth name? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Nelson study at university? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What year was Nelson arrested?
  - a. 1952
  - b. 1972
  - c. 1962
  - d. 1982
5. How many years did Nelson spend in prison?
  - a. 20 years
  - b. 27 years
  - c. 30 years
  - d. 17 years
6. What year did Nelson become the president of South Africa?
  - a. 1994
  - b. 1984
  - c. 1990
  - d. 1999