

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was a very important person in the world. He was from South Africa where he led an anti-apartheid (say: anti-a-part-hite) movement. He also spent twenty-seven years in prison for fighting against the government and was the first black South African President.

Apartheid was the separation of black and white people in South Africa.

Early Life

Nelson Mandela was named Rolihlahla Mandela when he was born in Mvezo (say: m-vay-zo), South Africa in 1918. He was given the name Nelson by his teacher on his first day of school.



He did well at school and went to the University of Fort Hare, however, he was expelled because he joined a student protest. When he returned home, his family told him he would have to marry someone if he did not return to Fort Hare to finish his degree. Mandela ran away to the city of Johannesburg (say: Joe-han-az-burg) where he managed to finish his degree through the University of South Africa and eventually became a lawyer.

Politics and Prison

From 1942, he was more involved with politics and by 1944, he helped start the youth section of the African National Congress (ANC), a political party in South Africa. Later, he was chosen to lead the plan to fight against apartheid.

The next years were full of fighting and arrests because of apartheid and in 1962, he was arrested again and in 1964, was given a long prison sentence. During his time in prison, the rest of the world was also trying to stop apartheid in South Africa.

Freedom and the President

In 1984, Nelson Mandela was the world's most famous prisoner and the song 'Free Nelson Mandela', which was used to tell people to let him out of prison, was a UK number one record. By 1988, things were starting to change in South Africa when black students were allowed to go to white universities. In 1990, South Africa's new President set Nelson Mandela free. The two men agreed that

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the future should be peaceful and people should work together.

In 1994, black people were allowed to vote in a government election for the first time and they voted Nelson Mandela as their first black president.

His work as president was very important and he used sport to bring people together. South Africa hosted and won the 1995 Rugby World Cup and Nelson Mandela wore the South African Springboks shirt which black people had not worn before.

Later Years

Nelson Mandela was known as a great man for the work he had done in his lifetime and was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 1993.

He gave up politics in 2004 to spend quiet time with his family as he got older. He lived with his third wife in Johannesburg where he died on the 5th December 2013.

Nelson Mandela Questions

1. When was Nelson Mandela born? Tick one.

- 1914
- 1923
- 1918
- 1944

2. Match up the boxes.

Johannesburg

Mandela's birth name.

Mvezo

The place Mandela ran away to.

Rolihlahla

Where Mandela was born.

3. What is apartheid?

4. What does ANC stand for?

5. **Nelson Mandela was the only person working against apartheid.**

Do you agree with this statement? Use evidence from the text to support your answer

6. What happened in 1984?

7. How did things change in South Africa in the 1980s and 90s? List three ways.

Queen Victoria died (22 January)

Queen Victoria was the monarch in Britain and Ireland from 1837 to 1901. This is the second-longest reign of any British monarch. She was only 18 when she became queen. In 1840, Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. Together, they had nine children. Unfortunately in 1861, Albert passed away. Victoria was devastated and wore black for the rest of her reign.

Solve each question below. Then use the key to find the answer to the joke. Letters can be used more than once.

1. $4 \times 2 = 8 \times ?$

2. If $3 \times 7 = 21$ then $7 \times 3 =$

3. Sam has 9 sweets. Jenny has 8 times as many sweets. How many sweets does Jenny have?

4. $12 \times 3 =$

5. If $8 \times 8 = 64$ then $64 \div 8 =$

Did you know?
Queen Victoria became Empress of India in 1877.

6. $36 \div 4 =$

7. $4 \div 4 =$

8. $40 \div 8 =$

9. If $4 \times 12 = 48$ then $48 \div 4 =$

10. $11 \times 4 =$

11. Stef has 7 pencils. Tom has 4 times as many. How many pencils does Tom have?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
33	48	16	5	72	82	32	21	9	35	4	46	7
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
28	12	3	2	40	8	1	80	11	44	17	36	0

What is the first thing a king or queen does when they come to the throne?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Big Garden Birdwatch (Last Weekend In January)

The Big Garden Birdwatch is an activity organised each year by the RSPB. This encourages people to watch and count the birds that land in their garden or local park for an hour. By sending in the total count, the RSPB has been able to gather and compare useful data about the bird population. Through this, they have noted that since 1979 there has been a decline in the number of song thrushes.

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1. £4 = __p

2. £20 - £5 = £__

3. Lunch costs £4.25. David pays with a £10 note. What is his change in £?

4. 6,921p = £__

5. £7.21 = __p

Did you know?

Red kites were almost extinct in the UK by the early 1900s. In 1989, a re-introduction programme was set up and their numbers have been steadily increasing ever since.

6. £1 = __p

7. £5 + £0.50 + 25p = £__

8. £3 + £2 + 52p = __p

9. 284p = £__

10. Kelly buys sweets costing £1.80. She pays with a £20 note. What is her change in £?

11. £81.20 = __p

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
2.84	69.21	19.20	20.50	5.75	5.85	10	15	10.50	552	28.40	721	352
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
5.52	6,921	6.85	252	284	8,120	400	100	6.75	25	4,000	18.20	10.10

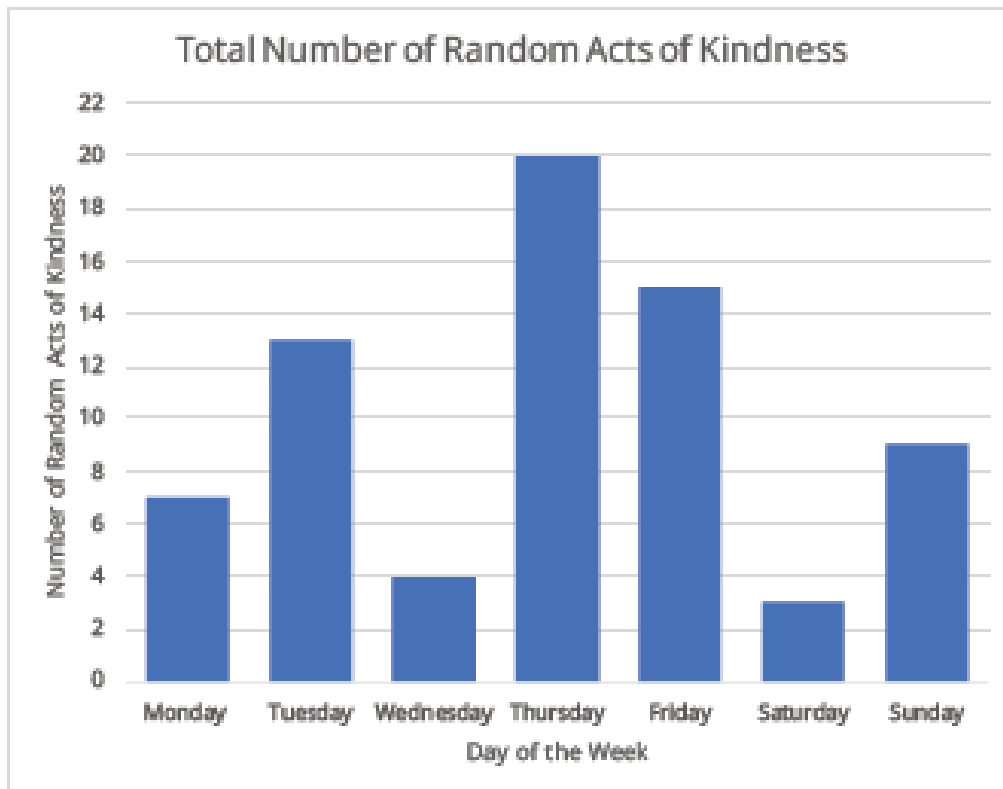
What type of birds are always sad?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Random Acts of Kindness week (Third Full Week February)

This day was organised by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation to encourage more kindness between people. An act of kindness could be a large or small act, as long as the intent is to be kind. The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation has lots of suggestions for acts of kindness ranging from planting a tree to creating bookmarks to give to readers or simply smiling at 5 people on your way to school.

Use the table and graph to answer the questions on the following page.



Number of Times People Smiled in one morning	
Name	Total times smiled
Adam	10
Theo	7
Sarah	9
Lily	16
Tim	15
Alice	8

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1. How many acts of kindness happened on Friday?

2. What is the difference between how many times Tim and Alice smiled?

3. How many fewer acts of kindness happened on Monday compared to Thursday?

4. How many acts of kindness happened over the weekend?

5. How many times did Tim, Lily and Sarah smile altogether?

Did you know?
The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation calls each member a 'RAKtivist'. This means 'Random Acts of Kindness activist'.

6. What is the difference between the number of acts of kindness on Tuesday and Thursday?

7. How many acts of kindness happened on Tuesday?

8. How many times did Alice and Theo smile altogether?

9. What is the difference between the most and least number of smiles?

10. What is the difference between the most and least acts of kindness in one day?

11. How many acts of kindness happened on Monday?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
13	20	3	10	7	12	6	25	1	21	23	15	40
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
17	9	18	45	8	4	27	31	52	14	26	24	16

What did the little tree say to the big tree?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11