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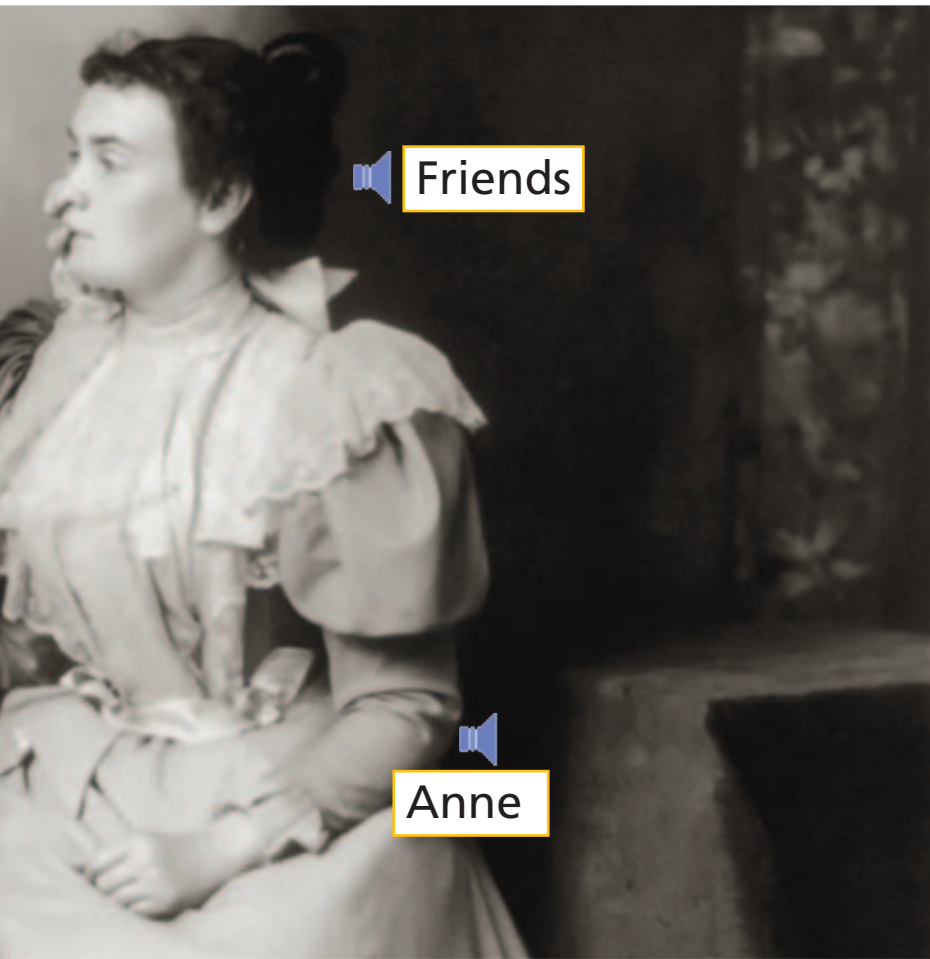
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- ▶ Helen Keller had a great friend.  
Her name was Anne Sullivan.  
But Anne was not just Helen's friend.  
She was Helen's teacher, too.



Friends

Anne

- ▶ Anne and Helen became best friends. They were alike in many ways. They both loved to learn and wanted to help others.



Anne

When Anne was a child, she had an illness. The illness made it hard for Anne to see. She went to many doctors for help. The doctors helped Anne see better.



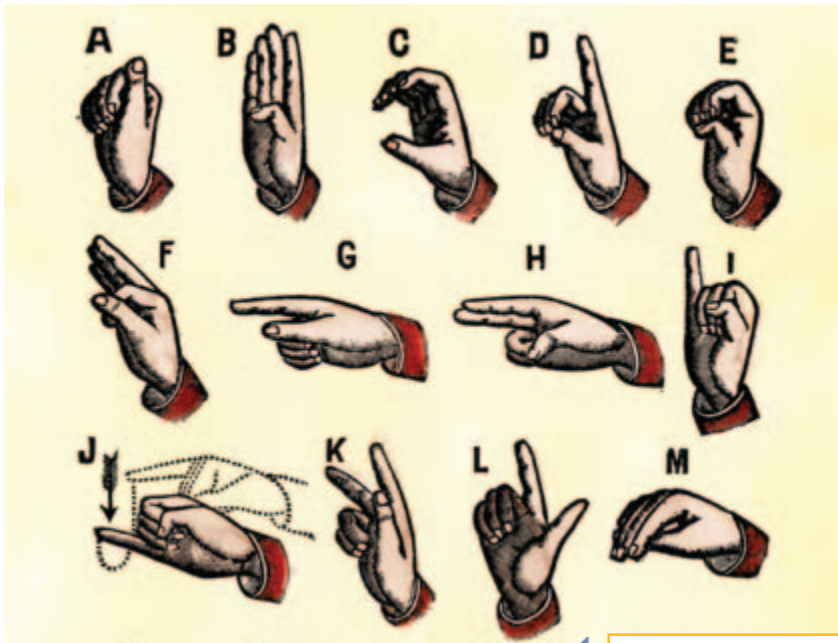
▶ Sometimes Anne felt sad because her mother had died and her father had left. She lived in a home for poor and sick people.



 Anne

 But Anne had a plan!

Anne wanted to go to school  
and learn to read.



Hand motions

▶ Anne was **curious**.

She went to a school for blind people.

She learned to talk with her hands to people who could not hear or see. They touched her hands as she talked.





- ▶ Helen Keller could not hear or see. She was deaf and blind. Most people thought she could not learn anything. But Anne knew she could teach Helen.



## Teaching and learning

▶ Anne asked Helen to feel and copy the **motion** of her hand.

This was how Anne taught Helen words.

Helen learned to speak, too.

She no longer lived in **silence**.



Anne and Helen

After Helen grew up, she and Anne did great things together.

They worked to help poor people, and they tried to stop wars.

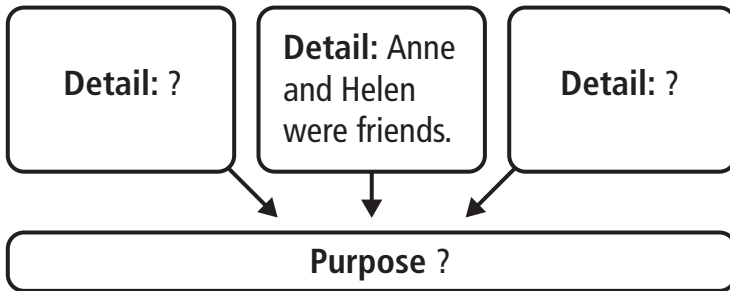
Anne and Helen worked hard to make the world a better place for everyone.

# Responding



## TARGET SKILL Author's Purpose

What was the author's purpose in writing this story? Copy the chart below. In each box, list details you learned from this book. Write the author's purpose at the bottom.



## Write About It

**Text to Text** What other biography do you think people should read? Write a few sentences explaining what it is and persuading other people to read it.



### TARGET VOCABULARY

behavior  
curious  
darkness  
illness

imitated  
knowledge  
motion  
silence



**TARGET SKILL** **Author's Purpose** Tell why an author writes a book.



**TARGET STRATEGY** **Summarize** Stop to tell important ideas as you read.



**GENRE** A **biography** tells about events in a person's life.

**Level:** J

**DRA:** 18

**Genre:**

Biography

**Strategy:**

Summarize

**Skill:**

Author's Purpose

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