Nelson's Beginnings



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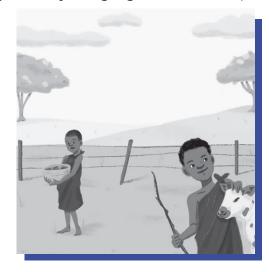
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Answers

1. What name was Nelson Mandela given when he was born?

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Pupils' own responses, such as: We don't know about Nelson Mandela's parents or whether he had any brothers or sisters.

