

**1. Read the article and answer the questions.**

- a) Why was life hard for disabled people in the past? .....
- b) What is the main problem of deaf people? .....
- c) What was invented to make it easier for deaf people to communicate? .....
- d) In which countries do deaf people use American Sign Language as their first language?

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**2. Match the underlined words to the definitions.**

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| a) compassionate | 1. extremely bad or serious                                |
| b) severe        | 2. not being able to do something                          |
| c) inability     | 3. caring and understanding of people who are suffering    |
| d) gesture       | 4. a movement of your hand, head or face to show a meaning |
| e) dialect       | 5. a different form of the same language                   |