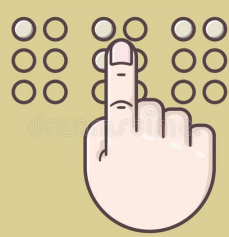




Braille facts

Braille was developed by Louis Braille in the 1820s when he was a pupil at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in Paris.

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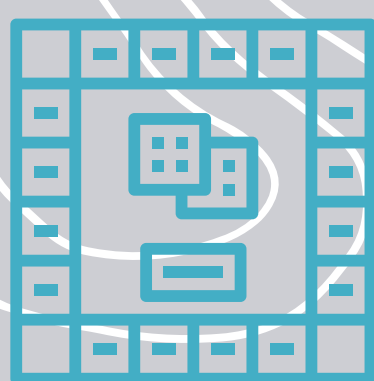
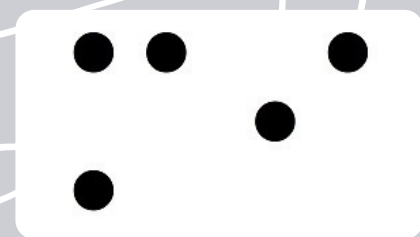


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Braille is not a language. It is a tactile code enabling blind and visually impaired people to read and write by touch, with various combinations of raised dots representing the alphabet, words, punctuation and numbers.

Braille uses much more space on a page than a sighted writing system.

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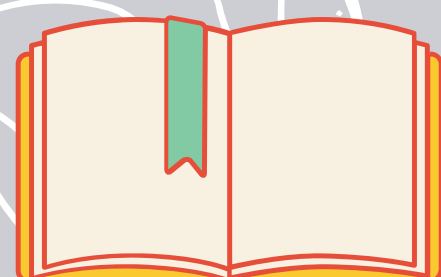


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A number of hugely popular classic games have adapted braille versions, for example Monopoly, Scrabble and Uno.

Practising reading and writing braille regularly can help to improve reading speed.

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A global view of blindness & vision impairment

It is estimated that over 285 million people worldwide are visually impaired.

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One person in the world goes blind every 5 seconds.

80% of impairments can be prevented or cured.

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90% of the world's visually impaired people live in developing countries.

82% of blind people are 50 years and older.

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