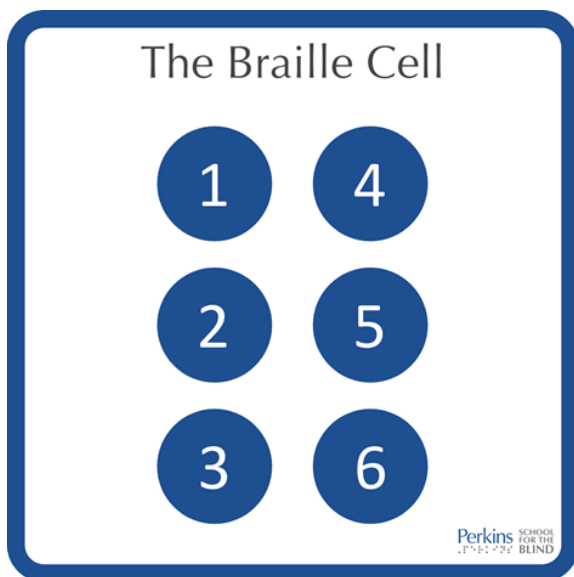


Grade 1 Braille for Beginners

What is it?

Grade 1 Braille is a tactile system of reading and writing for people who are vision-impaired or blind.

Devised in 1824 by **Louis Braille** who lost his sight after an accident in childhood. Louis refined night-writing system code to be used as a **tactile system of communication** to all who are unable to access printed material.



Did you know?

There are three levels in Braille:

- **Grade 1:** letter-by-letter used for basic literacy;
- **Grade 2:** alphabet signs, abbreviations, and contracted forms which denote letter combinations in words. Can also be used to denote word signs;
- **Grade 3:** an encoding that can be used in a non-standard personal way for everyday usage.

People with sight loss use this tactile system to carry out a multiplicity of communication purposes: from notetaking, reading and writing and studying, to employment and leisure purposes.



Can fully-sighted people read Braille?

Absolutely! People with full sight can learn how to read Braille by sight, but also by touch. It requires a lot of discipline and perseverance, but this clever, sophisticated tactile code is worth it.

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