

# THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTIONS

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions

## Braille

Braille is a special system of writing and reading for blind people. Braille letters are made up of dots, or bumps. Blind people read these dots by running their fingertips across them to recognize the pattern of the dots. Braille uses a special code of sixty-three characters. Each character has one to six dots. These dots are arranged in a six-position pattern. For example, in the pattern for the letter C, the top two dots are raised, but the lower four are not. Braille gets its name from the inventor of this writing system. Louis Braille, a blind science and music teacher, invented this special alphabet in France in the 1800s. Today millions of blind people all over the world are able to read and write because of this simple yet effective communication system.

1. In your own words, what is Braille? Begin your sentence like this: "Braille is..."

2. Are Braille letters similar in shape to normal letter? If not, Which is the difference?

3. How are the dots arranged?

4. Who was Braille system invented by?

5. Use the dictionary and find the words that match the meanings

are made up of

a dot

small point

useful, producing a good effect

a bump

a small raised area

effective

consist of

## Writing skills / Passive voice

Complete the text

### When was modern football game started?



For centuries, people had local games where teams competed with a ball, but the rules of our modern game of football <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not write) until 1863 in England. Today this exciting and skilful sport <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) all over the world. Every four years thirty-two countries <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (allow) to compete in the World Cup. The 2014 World Cup <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) in Brazil, and the matches <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) by a TV audience of over thirty billion people. The sport <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) only by men. Women's Football is quickly becoming more popular. The first Women's World Cup took place in 1991 in China, where the competition <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (win) by a team from the United States.

Search information about an invention and write a short paragraph using passive voice