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BRAILLE

What would you do if you could not see with your eyes? Would you be able to read? Would you be able to write? Would you be able to see the world?

Yes! You would be able to read and write. You could see the world because of one brave boy.

In 1809, a boy was born in France. His name was Louis Braille. He had good eyes. He could see all the things in the world.

Before he was 13, he became blind. He could not see the trees. He could not see the birds. He could only hear the sounds.

Louis wanted to make life better for other blind people. He made up a code with dots. The dots are like bumps on a paper. Each group of dots is a letter. Others are numbers. Blind people could read words, and they could write letters. They could see the world by touching the dots on the paper.

Today people all over the world can read and write in Braille. They can see without using their eyes because of Louis!

STORY QUESTIONS

1. How did the code with dots get the name Braille?
   a. Louis Braille made it up.
   b. It sounded like a good name.
   c. It looked good on paper.

2. When Louis was a little boy, he could . . .
   a. not see. He was blind.
   b. be a fireman.
   c. see like we can see.
   d. write music and poems.

3. How did Louis help blind people so they could read and write?
   a. He was a teacher.
   b. He cut paper into circles.
   c. He ran a big race.
   d. He made raised dots to use on paper. They can make words and letters.