

Прочтите текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

It's Saturday afternoon, and Maria Ndiaye (A1) ... in the shade of a tree, reading. Maria reads a lot, but there isn't any ink in her books. Instead, she passes her fingers over a series of raised dots. Maria (A2) ... blind since birth, and she (A3) ... braille for nearly ten years now. Braille is the system that blind and visually-impaired people use to read and write. It (A4) ... after its inventor, the Frenchman Louis Braille. Braille became blind as a child when he was playing with a tool in his father's workshop and it (A5) ... him in the eye. Despite his disability, he attended the local school, but it was while he (A6) ... in Paris that he developed his new system. He (A7) ... of a system called 'night writing' devised by Captain Charles Barbier of the French army. It allowed soldiers to read in the dark. Braille simplified Barbier's system into columns containing six dots. Nearly two centuries later, the braille system remains an invaluable tool for people who have lost their sight, like Maria Ndiaye.

A1.

1) is sitting 2) sits 3) has sat 4) had sat

A2.

1) is 2) was 3) had been 4) has been

A3.

1) is reading 2) is read 3) has been reading 4) reads

A4.

1) is named 2) names 3) has named 4) is naming

A5.

1) has hit 2) was hit 3) hit 4) was hitting

A6.

1) had studied 2) was studying 3) was studied 4) has studied

A7.

1) was heard 2) has heard 3) was hearing 4) had heard