

# How do we communicate if we can't see?



Close your eyes and think about the things you can't do when your eyes are closed.

Can you read a book?  
Can you write?  
Do you know if your friend is smiling?  
What is your friend wearing today?  
Open your eyes and check.  
Were you right or wrong?

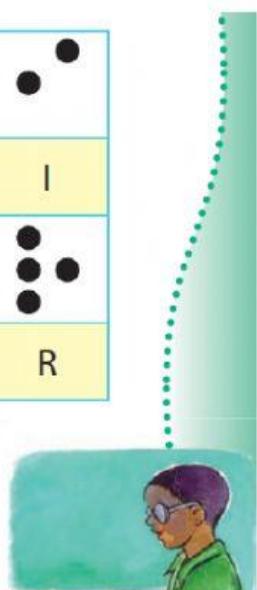


People who are blind and cannot see use the Braille alphabet when they read and write. The Braille alphabet uses dots that you can feel on the paper with your fingers. When people who know Braille run their fingers across the dots, they can read the words with their fingers. The Braille alphabet was invented by a man called Louis Braille, who could not see.



Look at the braille alphabet.

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In your writing book write your name in braille.