

World Braille Day

When Is World Braille Day?

World Braille Day is celebrated on the 4th January. This is Louis Braille's birthday, the inventor of braille.



What Is Braille?

Braille is a code that is used to help people who are blind, to read and write. It is made up of lots of bumps and dips on a page. These bumps and dips all have different meanings.

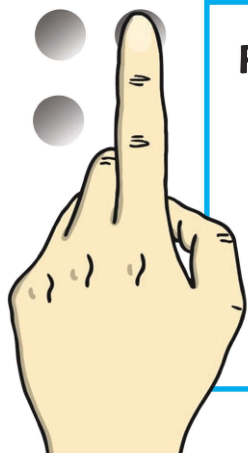
Example:



The different bumps and dips can be used to show letters, numbers and even punctuation. Braille is read by running your fingertips over the bumps and dips, to work out what they mean.

A Universal Code

Braille is a code that is used all around the world. As well as reading and writing, it can be used for different languages, in music and even on computers. As well as in books, you may see braille at train stations so that blind people can find which train they need to catch.



Facts about Louis Braille

- Born: 4th January 1809, in France.
- Job: Professor and inventor.
- Fact: Was blind at age 3 after an accident. He invented braille at 15 years old.