

TWOP World Braille Day



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What is World Braille Day and why is it celebrated?

- Braille Day is celebrated on January 4th every year since 2019

Because it's **Louis Braille's** birthday. He's the inventor of braille! Louis was born in 1809 in France and became blind after a childhood accident.

But, he quickly mastered his new way of living. When Louis was only 15 years old, he created a reading and writing system based on Charles Barbier's night writing system.

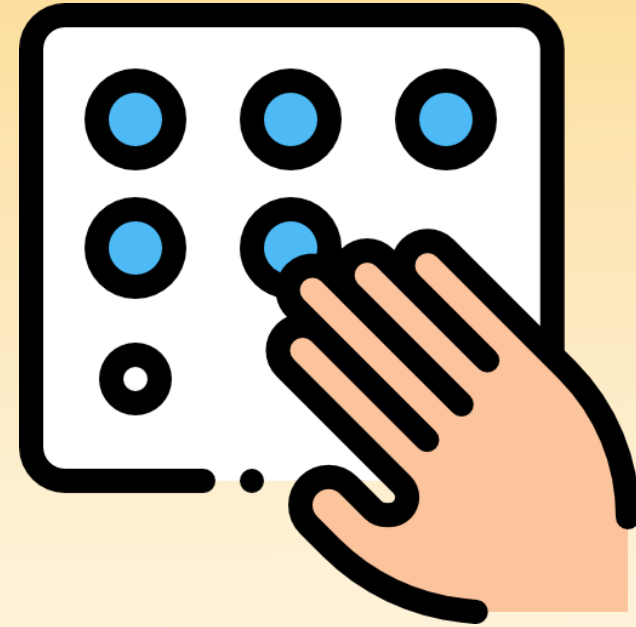


- We know Louis' system today as braille.

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Why is it Worth Celebrating?

- World Braille Day is.....
- Reminder of the importance of accessibility and independence for people who
- Are blind or visually impaired.



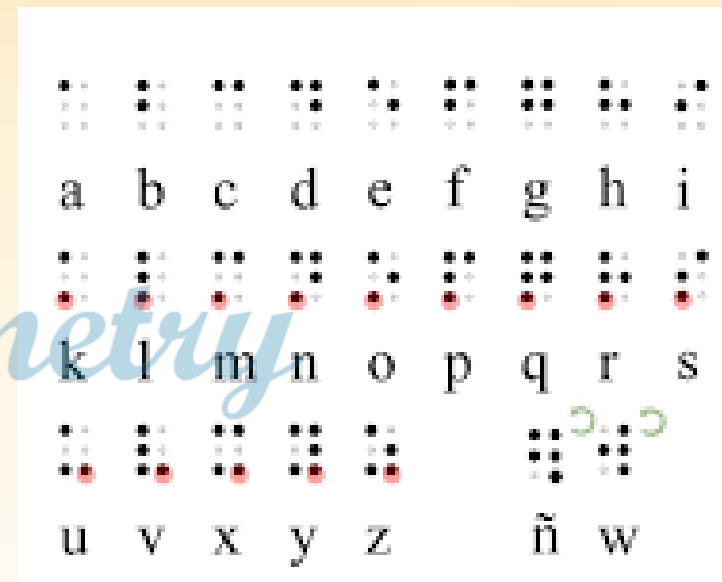
The need for World Braille Day



- This day spreads awareness about braille and other accessible
- Forms of communication. Everyone deserves (and is legally entitled to) the same
- Accommodations and service, regardless of ability

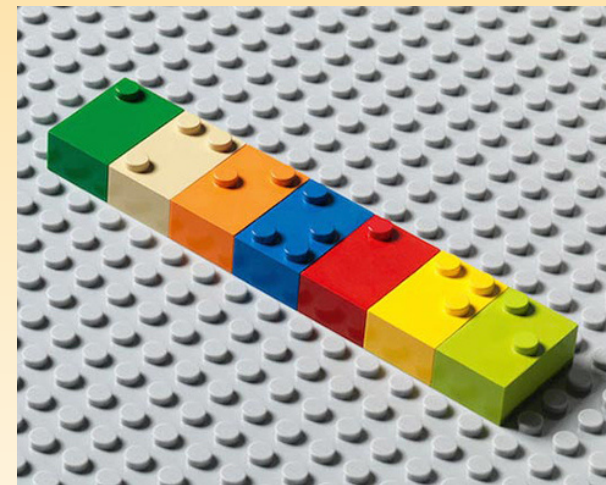


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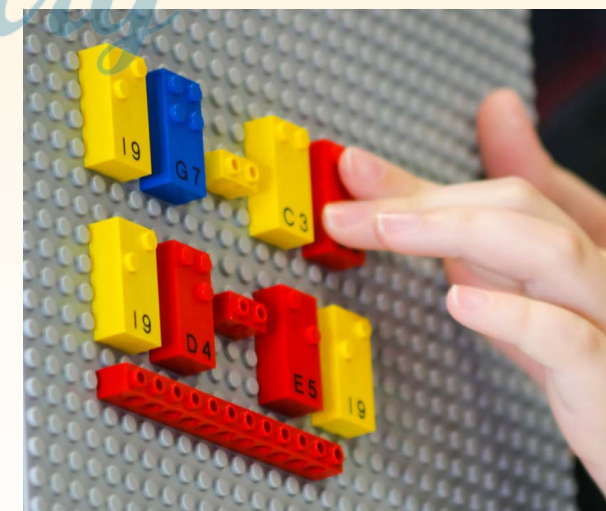


Importance of Braille Today

- Today, watches, **LEGO-styled bricks**, and other innovations are constantly changing the way we use braille and help increase braille literacy.

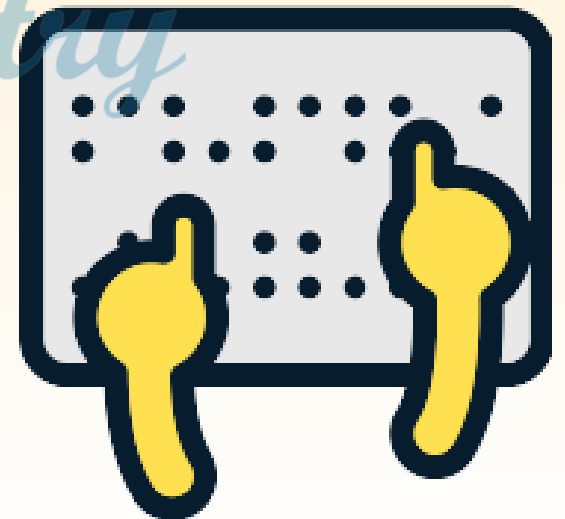
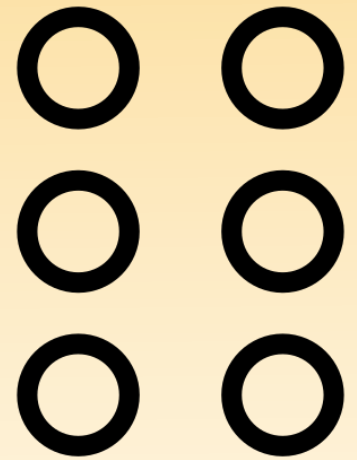


- That's why you'll find braille on objects you use every day — **signs, ATMs, elevators, calculators**, and more. It's all thanks to Louis Braille and the schools that adopted and taught his reading and writing system.



Importance of Braille Today

- Unfortunately, Louis Braille didn't get to see just how helpful his invention became.
- He died in 1852; two years before his alma mater, France's Royal Institute for the Blind Youth, adopted a braille curriculum.

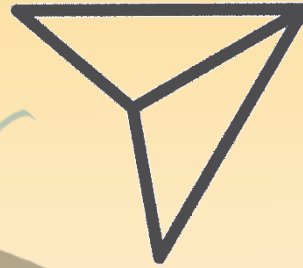




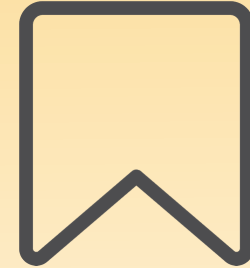
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