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## WORLD BRAILLE DAY



## 4TH JANUARY 2025

**EMPOWERING** ISLANDERS LIVING WITH SIGHT IMPAIRMENT.

# Let's learn about Braille...

In 2024/25, the RNIB will celebrate Braille 200, marking the extraordinary 200th anniversary of Braille's invention.

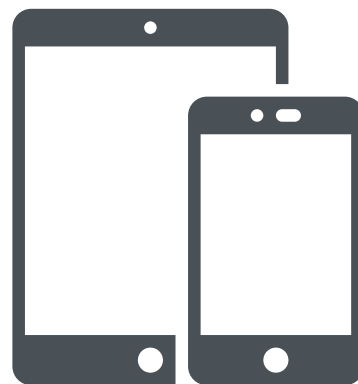
In 1824, Louis Braille, a 14-year-old boy from France who lost his sight at just 4 years old, was inspired by a visit to his school, from soldier Charles Barbier, who had created a tactile reading system for soldiers to read in the dark.

Driven by a desire to help other blind individuals, Louis developed the Braille system, which revolutionized literacy for the blind and visually impaired. His legacy continues to inspire us today, demonstrating the power of creativity and determination in overcoming challenges.

# Braille keyboard on your iOS device

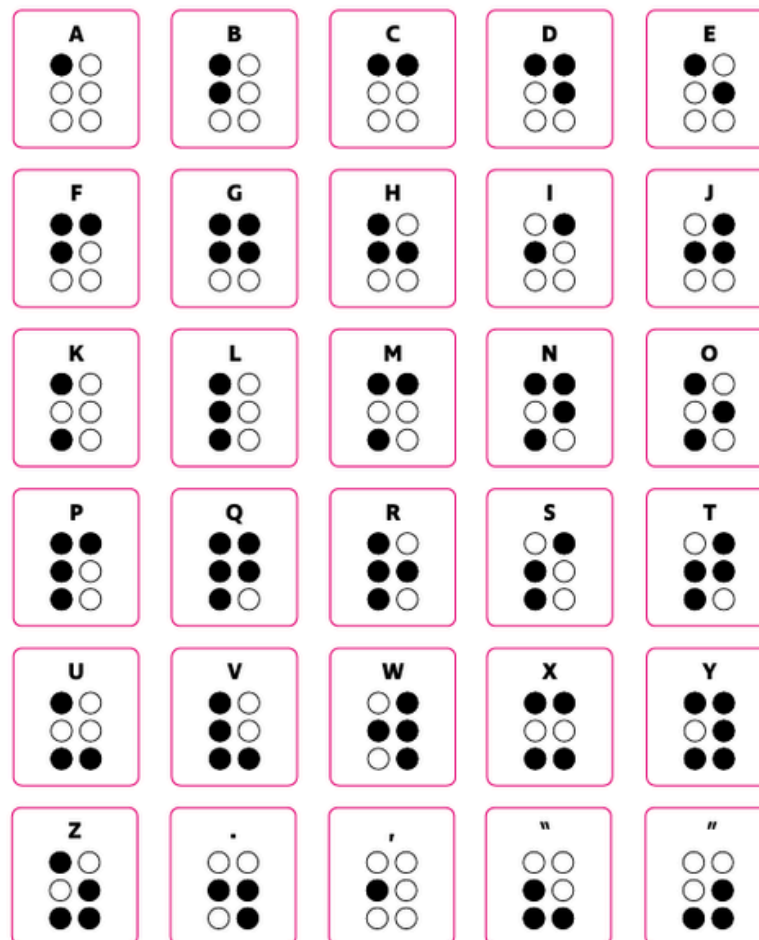
The Braille keyboard, sometimes called a Perkins keyboard, has three keys on the left side, a large space key in the center, and three keys on the right side. By holding down keys in a certain sequence, people can type messages in Braille with ease.

To do this on your iOS device, enable “Braille screen input” within VoiceOver screen reader settings.



# Braille alphabet sheet

Braille letters are composed of raised dots, allowing them to be read by touch. The images here display the Braille alphabet and basic punctuation. Braille "cells" consist of six dots, similar to a domino, with each letter or symbol using a different pattern.



Braille gives people the freedom to access information independently and in a way that makes sense to them.

The best way to celebrate World Braille Day is to find ways to incorporate Braille into your life, or spread awareness of how it is used. If you would like any further information on Braille, please get in touch.

## Happy World Braille Day!

