A Guide to the Braille Alphabet

Braille is a tactile system of reading and writing used by people who are blind or visually impaired.

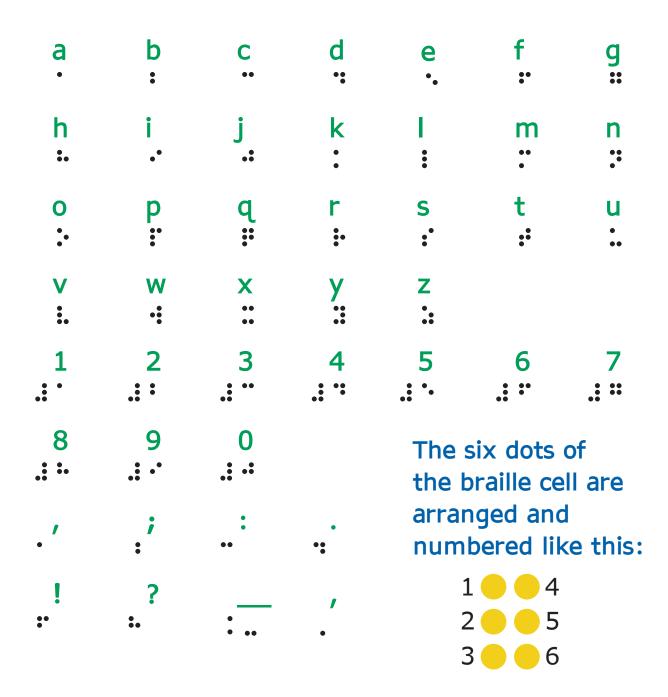
Invented by Louis Braille, the system is based on a matrix of six raised dots, arranged in two columns of three.

There are 63 possible combinations of raised dots used to represent the letters of the alphabet, numbers, and punctuation.



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braille alphabet and numerals



The capital sign (dot 6) placed before a letter makes it a capital letter.

The numeral sign (dots 3, 4, 5, 6) placed before a character makes it a number instead of a letter.