

What is braille?

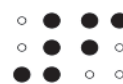


Braille is a system of raised dots used by blind people to read and write. It was invented in 1824 by the Frenchman Louis Braille. A braille "cell" is made up of six dots like a domino, with each letter using a different pattern. There are some short forms of common words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
⠠	⠡	⠢	⠣	⠤	⠥	⠦	⠧	⠨	⠩
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To make numbers in braille we put this special numeral symbol ⠼ before the letters **A** to **I** for numbers **1** to **9** so **A = 1**, **B = 2** and so on. **J** is used for **zero**.

So **6** is the numeral symbol followed by the braille letter 'F' like this:



And the number **160** is like this:

