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Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Louis Braille and the Six Dots

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Louis was born in France in 1809. When he was three, he hurt one eye in his father's workshop. He had been playing with a sharp tool. An infection spread to both eyes. By age five, Louis was completely blind.

Louis was a curious and hard-working student. At age ten, he went to a special school for blind children in Paris. The school had a few books with large raised letters. These books were huge and heavy. Reading them was very slow, because each letter had to be traced by finger. Louis wanted to read many books, not just a few.

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Louis decided to make the code better. He worked on it at night and during school holidays. By the time he was fifteen, he had a new system. Each symbol used only six dots, in two columns of three. A reader could feel a whole letter with one touch. Louis later made symbols for numbers and music, too.

At first, some teachers at the school did not want to use the new system. However, the students loved it and kept using it. In 1854, France made braille the official system for blind students. Over time, it spread around the world.

Today, braille is used in many languages. It appears on signs, maps, and medicine boxes. Louis Braille's idea, built from a few small dots, changed how millions of people read.

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   - It could be read by people who were not blind.
   - It used twelve dots in every single symbol.
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2. How old was Louis when he had his new six-dot system?
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5. Which claim is NOT supported by the text?
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