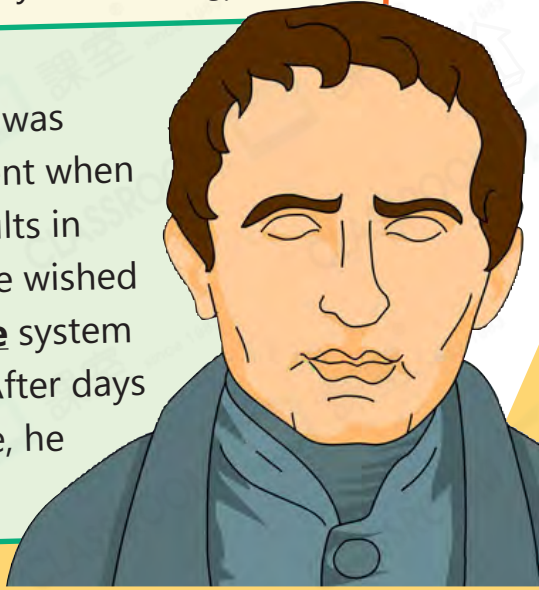




**Q : What is Braille?**  
 A : Braille is a system to help blind people read and write. There are six raised dots in one Braille cell. Each alphabet is formed by one to six dots. With Braille, people can enjoy reading books and learn new knowledge even though they cannot see.

**Q : Who invented Braille?**  
 A : It was **invented** by a person called Louis Braille, who was born in 1809 in France. He became blind in an accident when he was young. He was **intelligent** and got good results in his studies. However, reading was difficult for him. He wished to read more books so he began to develop a **tactile** system that enabled the blind to read with their fingertips. After days of hard work, he invented a new system. At that time, he was only fifteen years old.



**A Match the words with their meanings. Write the correct letters in the boxes.**

- 1. invent (line 8)
- 2. intelligent (line 10)
- 3. tactile (line 12)
- 4. complicated (line 23)
- 5. pronunciation (line 24)

- a connected with the sense of touch
- b very smart or talented
- c create something that has not existed before
- d the way to say a word or a letter
- e difficult, involving many parts

**Q : Was Braille popular once it was invented?**

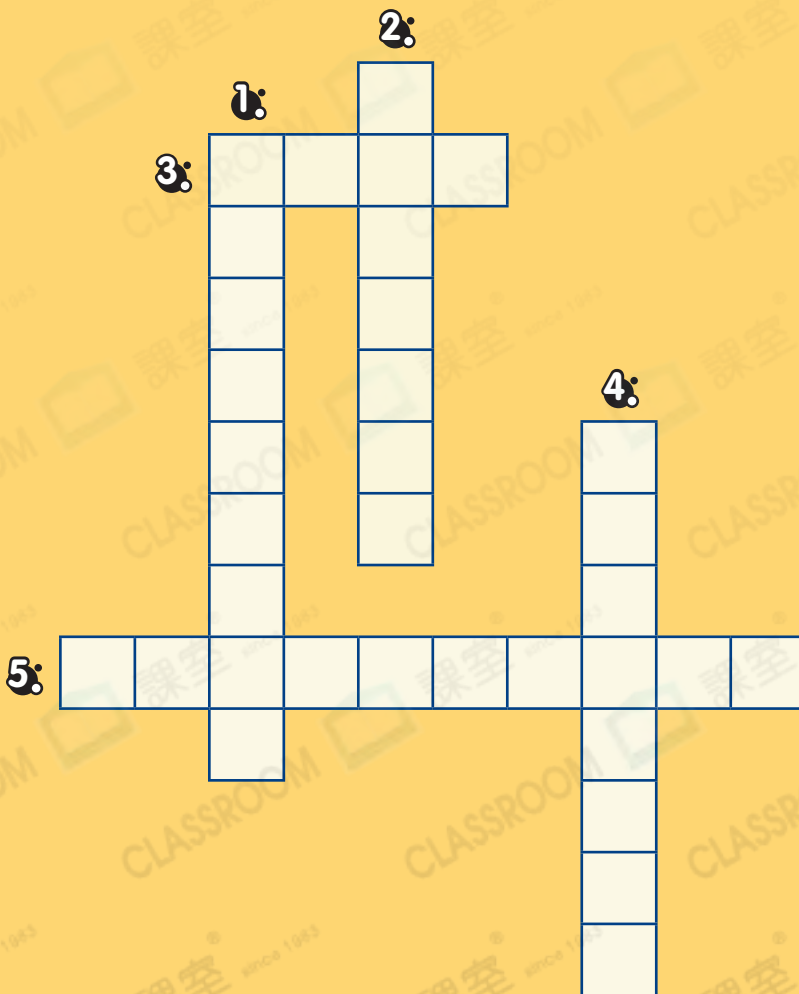
**A :** No. Although Louis Braille worked very hard to improve the system, it did not become popular until many years after his death.



20 **Q : Are there different languages for Braille?**

**A :** Nowadays, we can find Braille readers in every country. Therefore, there are special Braille codes for different languages. Unlike English, Chinese characters are made up of **complicated** strokes instead of alphabets. So if you speak Chinese, you can read Braille according to the **pronunciation** of the Chinese words.

**B Complete the crossword puzzle with the words from the text.**



### Hints:

- 1: People from \_\_\_\_\_ countries can read Braille because there are special codes for each language.
- 2: A Chinese Braille cell is not formed by \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, it is based on pinyin.
- 3: There are at most six \_\_\_\_\_ in each Braille cell.
- 4: Louis Braille was not able to see after an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5: People can read Braille with their \_\_\_\_\_.