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LOUISE BRAILLE (1809- 1852)

Louise Braille was the son of a French leather worker. He went blind at the age of three when he fell in his father’s workroom. But Louise was very clever. He wanted to be a musician, so he learned to play the cello, and at the age of ten he won a scholarship to the National Institute for Blind Children in Paris. He could play the cello, but he couldn’t read or write.

In 1819 a French soldier, Charles Barbier, invented ‘night writing’. He used special dots on papers so that soldiers could read at night. Louise Braille understood the importance of this invention for blind people and when he was fifteen he began to develop it. In 1829 he started to use it at the institute.

By 1932 ‘Braille’ was in use all over the world, but Louise died in 1852 and he never knew of the importance of his invention.

COMPREHENSION:8pts

1- Are these sentences True or False. Correct the false ones (5pts)

- 1- Louise Braille was American.
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- 2- His father was a teacher.
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- 3- He wanted to be a musician.
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- 4- He learned to play the piano.
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- 5- He won a scholarship to the Institute of Music.
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2- Answer the following questions (3pts)

- 1- At what age did Louise go blind?
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- 2- Who invented ‘night writing’?
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- 3- When did Louise Braille die?
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GRAMMAR : 9pts

A- Put the verbs between brackets in the past simple. (3pts)

- 1- Last summer we(stay) in Casablanca. We didn’t go anywhere.
- 2- We didn’t meet Jim, we(meet) Max.
- 3- You didn’t know the answer, but Tom(know) it.

