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Level 0

13-year-old invents new Braille printer

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THE READING

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A 13-year-old boy made a machine to help blind people read. It uses Braille - small bumps that people touch. Braille writers usually cost over \$2,000. The boy made his writer from a Lego robot kit. It costs just \$350. His new device is called the Braigo - a combination of the words Braille and Lego. A computer can print it.

The boy designed the Braigo for a science project. Intel invested some money in it. The boy also got \$35,000 from his father. His father is a computer engineer. The father said he knew his son had a good idea. He wanted him to continue. The boy wants many blind people to use his Braille printer.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a machine to help | a. just \$350 |
| 2. small bumps that | b. blind people |
| 3. Braille writers usually | c. words Braille and Lego |
| 4. The boy made his writer | d. people touch |
| 5. It costs | e. print it |
| 6. His new device is called | f. from a Lego robot kit |
| 7. a combination of the | g. the Braigo |
| 8. A computer can | h. cost over \$2,000 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The boy designed the Braigo | a. \$35,000 from his father |
| 2. Intel invested | b. people |
| 3. The boy also got | c. a good idea |
| 4. His father is a computer | d. printer |
| 5. he knew his son had | e. for a science project |
| 6. He wanted him | f. engineer |
| 7. blind | g. some money in it |
| 8. use his Braille | h. to continue |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 13-year-old boy (1) _____ to help blind people read. It uses Braille - (2) _____ people touch. Braille (3) _____ over \$2,000. The boy made his (4) _____ Lego robot kit. It costs just \$350. His new (5) _____ the Braigo - a combination of the words Braille and Lego. A (6) _____ it.

The boy designed the Braigo for (7) _____. Intel invested (8) _____. The boy also got \$35,000 (9) _____. His father is (10) _____. The father said he knew his son (11) _____. He wanted him to continue. The boy wants (12) _____ to use his Braille printer.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

