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13-year-old invents new Braille printer

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THE READING

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A 13-year-old, Shubham Banerjee, has made a machine to help blind people read. It uses Braille - small bumps that people touch to read letters. Machines that make these small bumps usually cost at least \$2,000. Banerjee made his Braille writer from a Lego robot kit. It costs just \$350. He called his new device the Braigo - a combination of the words Braille and Lego. It changes electronic text into Braille. A computer or mobile device can print it.

Banerjee designed his Braigo as a science project. The technology giant Intel invested in his machine but did not say how much money. Banerjee also got \$35,000 from his father. His father is a computer engineer. He said: "We as parents started to get involved more, thinking that he's on to something and this innovation process has to continue."

Banerjee wants many blind people to use his Braille printer.

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2917874/Boy-13-builds-Braille-printer-Legos-starts-company.html#ixzz3RoQTV1SS>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a machine to help | a. words Braille and Lego |
| 2. small bumps that people | b. least \$2,000 |
| 3. Machines that make | c. device |
| 4. cost at | d. from a Lego robot kit |
| 5. Banerjee made his Braille writer | e. text into Braille |
| 6. a combination of the | f. touch to read letters |
| 7. It changes electronic | g. blind people read |
| 8. A computer or mobile | h. these small bumps |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Banerjee designed his Braigo | a. involved more |
| 2. The technology | b. much money |
| 3. did not say how | c. engineer |
| 4. Banerjee also got \$35,000 | d. has to continue |
| 5. His father is a computer | e. as a science project |
| 6. We as parents started to get | f. from his father |
| 7. he's on to | g. giant Intel |
| 8. this innovation process | h. something |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 13-year-old, Shubham Banerjee, has
(1) _____ help blind people read. It uses Braille
- (2) _____ people (3) _____
letters. Machines that make these small bumps usually
(4) _____ \$2,000. Banerjee made his Braille
writer from a Lego robot kit. It costs just \$350. He called
(5) _____ Braigo – a combination of the words
Braille and Lego. It changes electronic text into Braille. A
computer or mobile (6) _____.

Banerjee designed his Braigo (7) _____. The
technology giant Intel invested in his (8) _____
not say how much money. Banerjee (9) _____
from his father. His (10) _____ computer
engineer. He said: "We as parents started
(11) _____ more, thinking that he's on to
something and this innovation process has to continue." Banerjee
wants many blind (12) _____ 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
