

# Braille Name Card and Slate Craft Instructions for the Sighted

Create your own personal Name Card with Braille by making  
our Braille Slate Craft!

Materials Needed for the Braille Slate and Name Card:

- Printout
- 1/3 Cup of Water
- Paint Brush (Wide)
- Glue Stick
- Wood Glue
- 2x Card paper (150-160GSM)
- Card/Colored paper (150-160GSM) 5.5" by 2,5"
- Cardboard for 2x pieces 6.25" by 1.5"
- Scissors
- Pencil/ Braille Stylus
- Sharpener
- Colored pencils or Markers
- Toothpick/Stick Paddle/Brush for the Glue

Instructions:

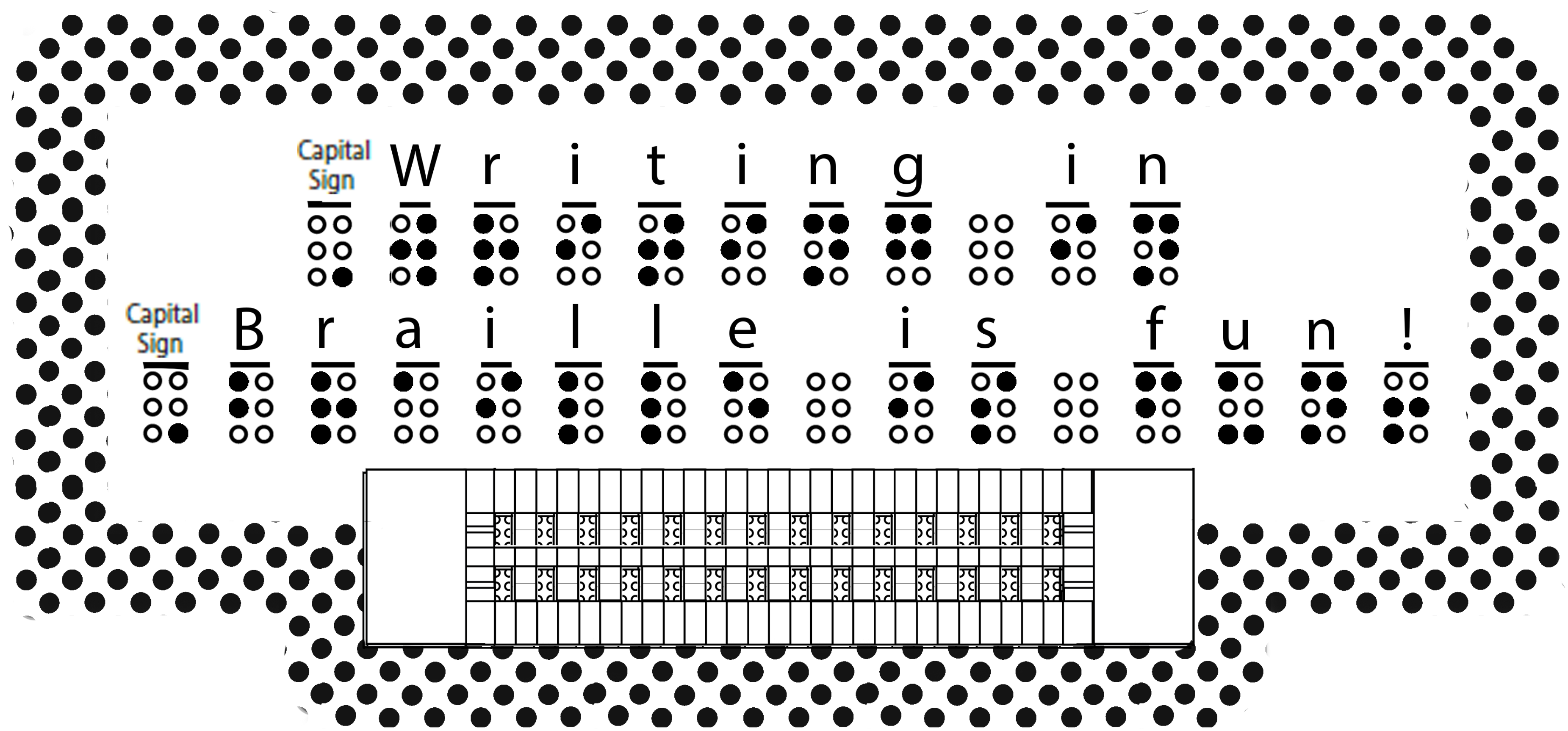
Prepare Your Workspace

- Place down the newspaper.
- Gather all the materials and tools you need.

Preparing the Braille Slate

- Glue the 2 card papers and the printout together with a Glue Stick.
- Take the time to flatten your pages as the glue sets.
- Cut out each of the pieces.





### Preparing the Top of the Braille slate:

- Make sure to reverse the Slate top rows (inked side at the bottom) and attach the Braille Slate Top Rows A, B and C tabs with Wood Glue onto the left and right pieces of the Braille Top pieces labeled A, B and C.
- Glue each of the Slate Top Columns dotted tabs on the dotted tabs on the Slate Top Rows A, B and C, ensuring it's aligned and you can see the inked side when you place it over the braille dots.
- Pre fold the tabs over the top Rows.
- Pre fold the hinge on the reversed side of the pasted Rows.

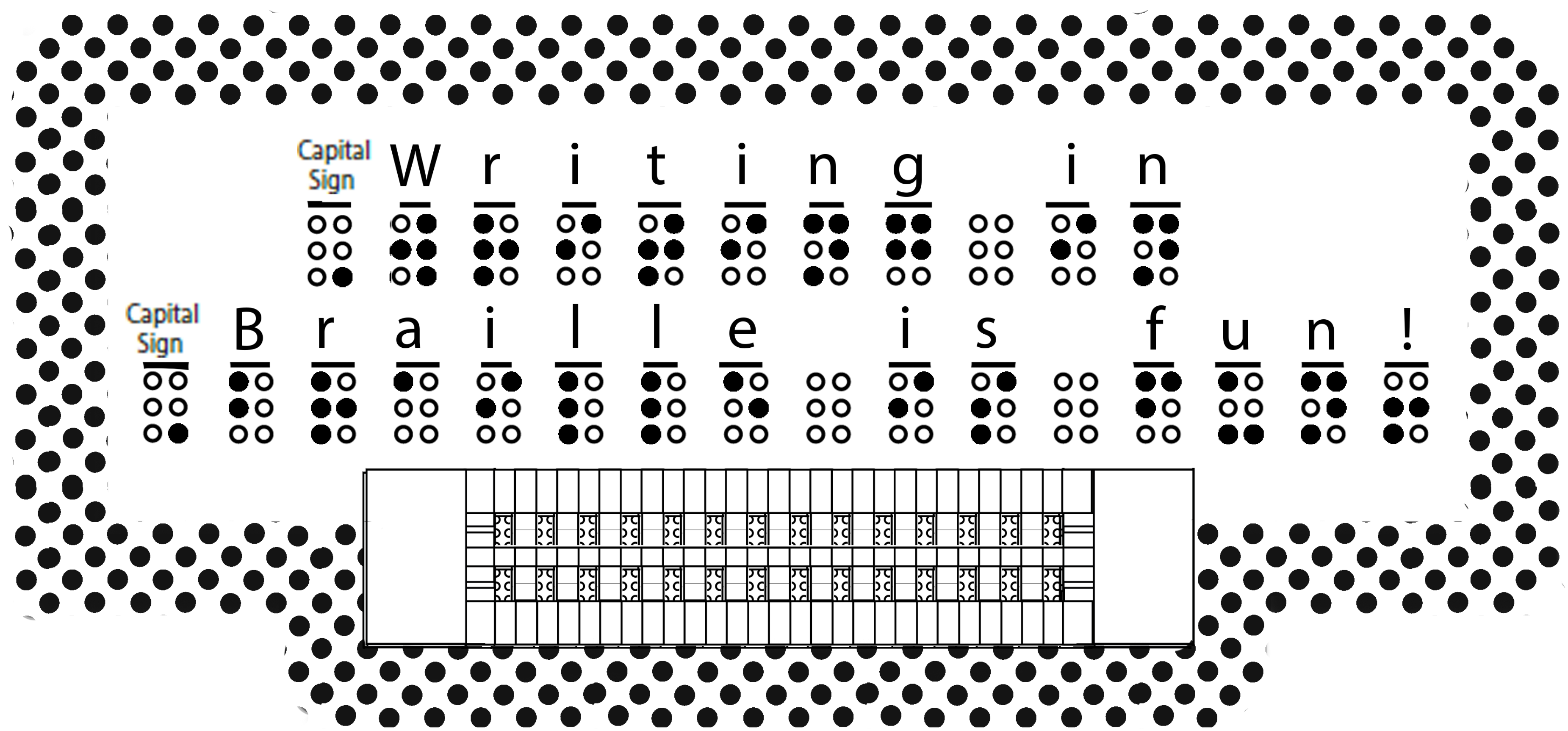
### Preparing the Braille Slate Bottom and Cardboard Base:

- To make cardboard layers strong, plan your rectangles so when its stacked it will show corrugated cardboard in the horizontal and vertical direction.
- Cut out 2x Cardboard pieces 6.25" by 1.5"
- Use Wood Glue and attach the cardboard rectangles.
- Let it dry.

### Preparing the Hinges and Attaching:

- Slide the hinges from the Slate Top and the Slate Bottom so that the two tabs overlap, opposite the other Slate.
- Make sure the Top and Bottom slate align so that each Braille Cell is showing through the Slate Rows and Columns.
- Glue the hinges behind the Slate Top.
- Use Wood Glue to attach the cardboard rectangles to the uninked side of the Slate Bottom, covering the hinges.
- Fold over the Slate Bottom tabs and glue them in place.
- Fold over the slate top tabs and glue them in place.





### Denting the Braille Cells with a pencil (If you don't have a Braille Stylus):

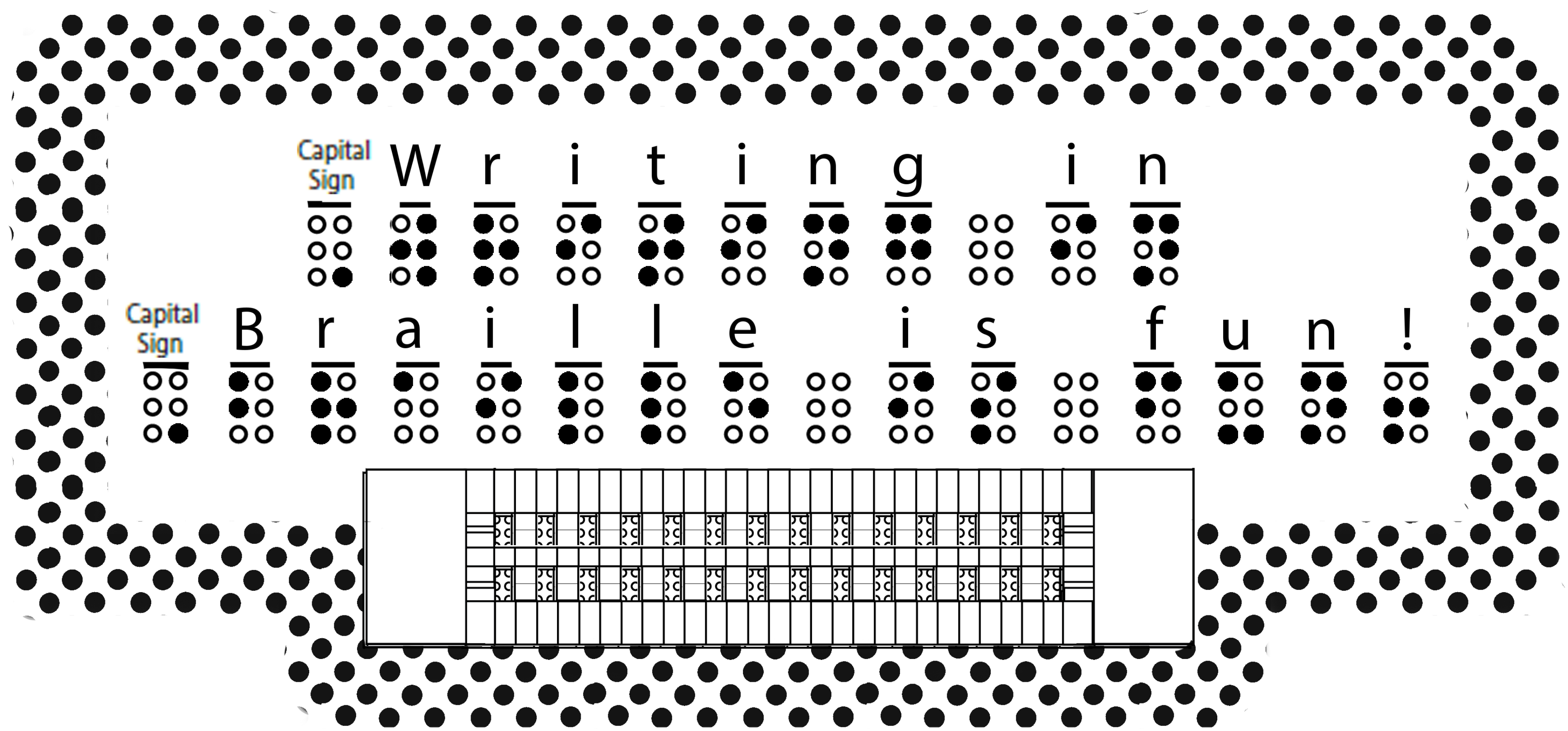
- Lightly dab your brush in water and cover a few Braille cells on the Slate Bottom at a time, letting the water soak in the paper.
- Take a dulled pencil and press into each circle once the paper is softened.
- Try to keep the dents aligned.
- If the pencil breaks just sharpen it and scribble on a scrap piece of paper to dull the edge.
- Repeat until all the Braille Cells are dented.
- Let the water dry once done.

### Preparing the Name Card:

- Cut out a 5.5" by 2.5" card.
- Use the top half of the Name Card to design the look of your first and last name using a pencil.
- Leave the bottom half of the Name Card blank for the Braille writing.
- Color-in your name design, the background and decorate your card.

### Writing in the Name Card:

- Braille is made with 6 dots that are contained in a 3 by 2 Braille cell.
- Follow the Braille Writing Guide and imprint your writings.
- You can color in your bumps with a bright color or marker to make it pop visually.



## Braille Notes for the Sighted:

Braille is written behind the page from the right to the left side with a braille slate.

- Dots 1,4 ,3 and 6 would need your pencil to be on the corners.
- Dots 2 and 5 is where you keep your pencil next to the middle guide line on the Slate Top Columns.
- Imagine reversing the two columns within a Braille Cell like a mirror, so that the Braille bumps are able to be read from left to right once the page is flipped over.
- Plan and roughly write out all the Braille letters you need on a piece of scrap paper and be aware of the Capitalization.
- Place the card in the slate and by using the number of letters in your name and surname, plan the spacing.
- Once you're satisfied, reverse the card and write your name and surname by pressing firmly with a blunted pencil/Braille stylus in each braille cell.
- Check your bumps and if you make a mistake press the bump flat and try again.

Braille Cell		Braille Alphabet										Braille Numbers														
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i		Number Sign	1	Number Sign	2	Number Sign	3	Number Sign	4	Number Sign	5					
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## Some Braille Punctuation Marks

Number Sign	Capital Sign	.	,	!	?
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