

The Importance of Braille in the Workplace

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Survey

I would like to say thank you for all who took part in this survey. Please note that this survey will be completely confidential. No names will be used in this survey. The purpose of this research is to determine the importance or lack of importance of braille in the workplace by visually impaired/blind individuals.

Please circle the best answer that represents you.

Part A: Visual Limitations/problems:

1. Identify the extent of your visual acuity.
 - a. 20/70-20/200
 - b. 20/200-20/400
 - c. 20/400-20/800
 - d. > 20/800
 - e. Light perception only
 - f. Totally blind, no light perception
2. Identify other visual problems you may have.
 - a. Visual field restrictions
 - b. Diseases of the eye
3. Identify the time period of vision loss.
 - a. Congenital
 - b. Onset in childhood
 - c. Onset in during early adulthood
 - d. Onset later in life

Part B: Educational/Employment History

4. What is the level of education that you have received?
 - a. Below high school/GED
 - b. High school diploma
 - c. Vocational training
 - d. 2 year post secondary school
 - e. 4 year post secondary school
 - f. Masters level
 - g. Doctorate
5. What type of employment do you have?
 - a. Not employed
 - b. Laborer
 - c. Secretarial/clerical
 - d. Construction
 - e. Education
 - f. Medical
 - g. Professional_____
 - h. Other_____

Part C. Braille Instruction:

6. Were you taught braille?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

If you have answered yes to question 6, continue on to 7—11. Otherwise, please proceed to question 12.

7. When were you taught braille?
 - a. Elementary school
 - b. Secondary school
 - c. Post secondary (early adulthood)
 - d. Later in adulthood

8. How often do you use braille in your daily routine?
 - a. Not very often
 - b. In many tasks
 - c. Most of the time
 - d. All of the time
9. How often do you use braille on the job?
 - a. Not very often
 - b. In many tasks
 - c. Most of the time
 - d. All of the time
10. Is braille instrumental in your job performance?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
11. Would you be able to get/keep job without braille?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
12. Do you rely both on braille and assistive technology in your place of employment?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Part D: Assistive Technology:

13. Do you use only assistive technology devices to help with maintaining gainful employment? (no braille)
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
14. How instrumental is assistive technology in your job performance?
 - a. Not at all
 - b. A little bit
 - c. A lot
 - d. All the time

15. Would you be able to keep job without assistive technology?

- a. Yes
- b. No

16. What forms of assistive technology do you use?

- a. Hand held magnifiers
- b. CCTV
- c. Audio devices (tape recorder, mp3, victor stream, etc.)
- d. Computer software (screen readers and/or screen magnifiers)
- e. Use a variety of the above mentioned items