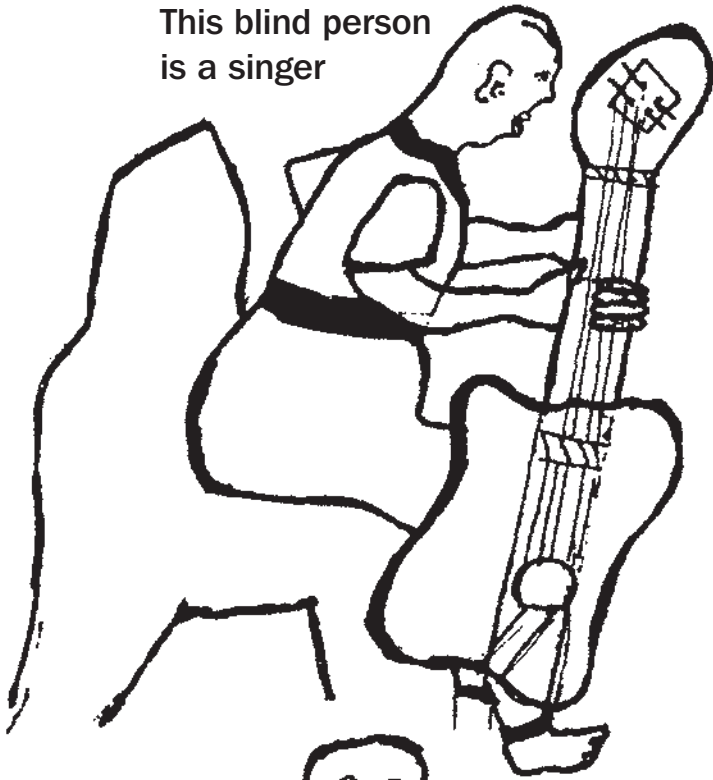


9 What can we do to help blind people?

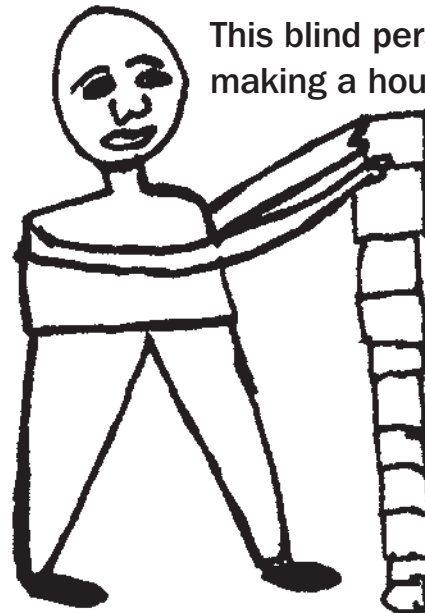
This blind person is a singer



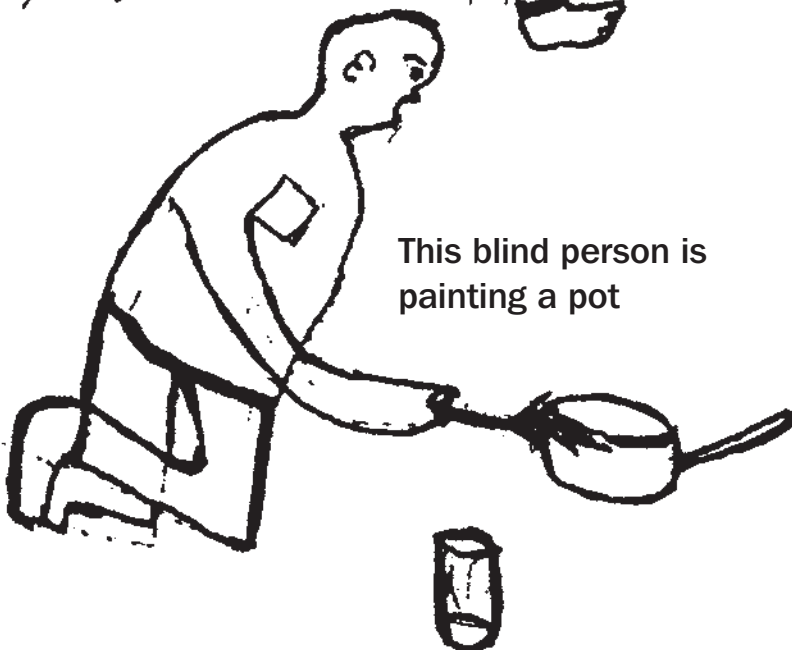
Blind people can do many things



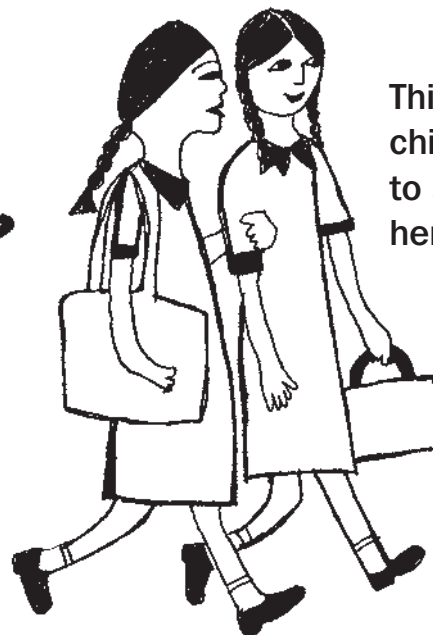
This blind person is making a house



This blind person is painting a pot



This blind child is going to school with her friend





Class Activity

Do you know anyone who is blind? What can that person do? Make a list in class.

	Name	What they do
1	Stevie Wonder	Singer and musician
2	Mr Piri	Teacher
3		
4		
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7		
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How can we help those who are blind?



If you want to help a blind person, first take the person to an eye doctor. The eye doctor will be able to tell you if the blindness can be cured or not.

Think well of blind people

If the blindness cannot be cured, does it mean that the person is useless? No. Blind people can do many things. Think of their ability, not their disability!



Talk well to blind people

When meeting a blind person, say who you are.



During conversations, address a blind person by name. If you are leaving the room, tell him or her so that he or she doesn't talk to himself or herself.

How can we help those with low vision?

Some children are not completely blind, but they cannot see very well. They suffer from low vision. There are many things that can help someone with low vision live independently.

- Mobility (having ways to move about with low vision)
- **Magnification** (increasing the size of objects or text)
- Lighting (people see better where there is good light)



Class Activity

Learning about braille

Braille is a system of reading and writing by touch. It was invented by a blind Frenchman, Louis Braille, in 1829. When he was only four years old, he was hurt in his eye when he was playing with one of his fathers tools. He later became a teacher of blind children. The system of braille continues to be used by people who are blind.

A braille cell consists of six raised dots. Braille is read by moving the hand from left to right along each line.

The braille alphabet

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m

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n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z

Can you write your first name here in braille by arranging the dots?