

FINGER LOCATION FOR THE PERKINS BRAILLER FOR CREATING THE BRAILLE ALPHABET

The Perkins Braille has 9 keys as shown in the diagram below:

Page Advance	DOTS			Space Key	DOTS			Back Space
	3	2	1		4	5	6	

Fingers need to be placed on the Perkins as shown in the picture below:



NOTE: By not always placing the correct fingers on the desired keys, children begin to learn bad habits in their Braille writing which may hinder their progress and slow down their speed. This will be quite evident when it comes to taking notes in class. Activities to build strength in the fingers can be found in BRAILLE ACTIVITES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

Use the chart on the next page to help create the desired letters on a Perkins Braille.

FINGER LOCATION FOR THE PERKINS BRAILLER FOR CREATING THE BRAILLE ALPHABET

3	2	1	Letter	4	5	6
		o	a			
	o	o	b			
		o	c	o		
		o	d	o	o	
		o	e		o	
	o	o	f	o		
	o	o	g	o	o	
	o	o	h		o	
	o		i	o		
	o		j	o	o	
o		o	k			
o	o	o	l			
o		o	m	o		

3	2	1	Letter	4	5	6
o		o	n	o	o	
o		o	o		o	
o	o	o	p	o		
o	o	o	q	o	o	
o	o	o	r		o	
o	o		s	o		
o	o		t	o	o	
o		o	u			o
o	o	o	v			o
	o		w	o	o	o
o		o	x	o		o
o		o	y	o	o	o
o		o	z		o	o

Note: To change a letter from lower case to upper case, simply add a dot six in the cell before the letter. For easier reading - after printing this off, use a black or red felt-tip pen and color in the dots.

Merry-Noel Chamberlain, MA, TVI, NOMCT,
Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments,
Orientation and Mobility