

EXERCISE 38-1 End punctuation: Guided practice

Supply end punctuation as needed in the following paragraphs. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in section 38 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first and last revisions have been done for you, and answers to this exercise appear in the back of the book.

After Louis Braille invented his new system that would allow blind people to read and write, he tested it thoroughly. Students and faculty of the National Institute for Blind Youths were excited at how easily they could master it and encouraged Louis to demonstrate the system to the French educational authorities, who made the rules for the institute Louis agreed to do so

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When Louis held the demonstration, all went well. What excitement he and his friends felt! But the authorities would not recommend that the institute adopt Louis's new system. Why didn't the French authorities recognize the advantages of Braille's system? Did they have a vested interest in the old system of teaching the blind? Or a real doubt about the system? Whatever their reasons, they delayed the pleasures of reading for thousands of people. In addition, a new director, Dr. Pignier, even outlawed the use of the system at the institute for four years.

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Although unhappy and disheartened, Braille never gave up; he knew his system would enable the blind to read.

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