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Printing is one of the most important means of communication. Without it, you would not now be reading this passage. Even the development of radio and television has not diminished the importance of printing. The first printing was done from wood blocks one letter at a time by hand. This was a slow process, requiring much skill and patience, and every page of every book had to be cut separately. A great step forward was the use of movable type. The Chinese discovered this in the 11th century, but it was not known in Europe until about 1440. In this method of printing, individual letters were made from separate pieces of metal. If these letters were linked over and pressed on to paper, they would print the words. When the printing was finished, the letters could be taken apart and rearranged to print something else.

means 方式

diminish 降低

movable type 活字印刷

press 印刷廠