

Appendix 1: Shortforms List

This Appendix provides the Shortforms List and following it, the rules used to determine whether a word is added to the list. The Shortforms List is maintained by the ICEB Code Maintenance Committee.

Refer to: [Section 10.9](#), Contractions, for the rules on the use of shortforms.

The list

Added "s" and apostrophe "s"

When an "s" or apostrophe "s" is added to any word on the list, use the shortform with the following three exceptions:

abouts ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

almosts ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

hims ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

about ⠠⠠⠠

aboutface	aboutfaced	aboutfacer
aboutfacing	aboutturn	aboutturned
eastabout	gadabout	hereabout
knockabout	layabout	northabout
rightabout	roundabout	roustabout
runabout	southabout	stirabout
thereabout	turnabout	walkabout
westabout	whereabout	

above ⠠⠠⠠⠠

aboveboard	aboveground	abovementioned
hereinabove		

according ⠠⠠⠠

accordingly	unaccording	unaccordingly
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across ⠠⠠⠠⠠

readacross

after ⠠⠠⠠

afterbattle

afterburn

afterburning

aftercoffee

afterdeck

aftergame

afterhatch

afterlife

afterlunch

aftermatch

aftermeeting

aftermost

afterparty

aftersale

aftershave

aftershower

aftertax

aftertheatre

aftertreatment

afterworld

morningafter

whereafter

afterbirth

afterburned

aftercare

afterdamp

afterdinner

afterglow

afterhatches

afterlight

afterlunches

aftermatches

aftermidday

afterpain

afterpiece

afterschool

aftershock

aftersupper

aftertaxes

afterthought

afterword

hereafter

thereafter

whereinafter

afterbreakfast

afterburner

afterclap

afterdark

afterflow

afterguard

afterhour

afterlives

aftermarket

aftermath

aftermidnight

afterparties

afterplay

aftersensation

aftershow

aftertaste

aftertea

aftertime

afterwork

hereinafter

thereinafter

afternoon ⠠⠠⠠⠠

afternoontea

goodafternoon

midafternoon

afterward ⠠⠠⠠⠠

again ⠠⠠⠠⠠

hereagain

thereinagain

hereinagain

whereagain

thereagain

whereinagain

against ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

hereagainst

thereagainst

whereagainst

almost ⠠⠠⠠⠠**already** ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠**also** ⠠⠠⠠**although** ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠**altogether** ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠**always** ⠠⠠⠠⠠**because** ⠠⠠⠠**before** ⠠⠠⠠

beforehand

behind ⠠⠠⠠

behindhand

below ⠠⠠⠠

belowdeck

belowground

belowmentioned

beneath ⠠⠠⠠

beneathdeck

beneathground

beside ⠠⠠⠠**between** ⠠⠠⠠

betweendeck

betweentime

betweenwhile

beyond ⠠⠃⠑⠗⠏⠗⠠**blind** ⠠⠃⠗⠊⠇⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

blindfish	blindfishes	blindfold
blindfolded	blindfolder	blindfolding
blindly	blindman	blindmen
blindness	blindnesses	blindside
blindsided	blindsider	blindsiding
blindsight	blindstories	blindstory
blindworm	colorblind	colorblindness
colorblindnesses	colourblind	colourblindness
colourblindnesses	deafblind	deafblindness
deafblindnesses	purblind	purblindly
purblindness	purblindnesses	snowblind
snowblindness	snowblindnesses	unblindfold
unblindfolded	unblindfolding	

braille ⠠⠃⠗⠊⠇⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(a\)](#)]

brailled	brailler	braillewriter
braillewriting	brailley	misbraille
misbrailled	rebraille	rebrailled
rebrailler	unbraille	unbrailled

children ⠠⠉⠏⠊⠗⠇⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(b\)](#)]

children'swear	brainchildren	fosterchildren
godchildren	grandchildren	greatgrandchildren
lovechildren	schoolchildren	stepchildren

conceive ⠠⠉⠗⠊⠄⠑⠠⠠

conceived	conceiver
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conceiving ⠠⠉⠗⠊⠄⠑⠠⠠⠠

could ⠠⠠⠠⠠

could've

couldn't

coulda

couldn't've

couldest

couldst

deceive ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

deceived

undeceive

deceiver

undeceived

archdeceiver

undeceiver

deceiving ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

undeceiving

declare ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

declared

undeclared

declarer

undeclare

declaring ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠**either** ⠠⠠⠠**first** ⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

firstaid

firstclass

firstdayer

firstgeneration

firstling

firstnight

firstrated

feetfirst

firstaider

firstclasses

firstfruit

firsthand

firstly

firstnighter

firstrating

headfirst

firstborn

firstday

firstfruiting

firsthanded

firstness

firstrate

firststring

tailfirst

friend ⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

friendless

friendlier

friendliness

friendship

defriend

friendlessness

friendlies

friendlinesses

befriend

galfriend

friendlessnesses

friendliest

friendly

boyfriend

gentlemanfriend

gentlemenfriends	girlfriend	guyfriend
ladyfriend	manfriend	menfriends
penfriend	schoolfriend	unfriend
unfriendlier	unfriendliest	unfriendliness
unfriendlinesses	unfriendly	womanfriend
womenfriends		

good ⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

goodafternoon	goodby	goodbye
goodbyeing	goodbying	goodday
gooder	goodest	goodevening
goodfellow	goodfellowship	goodhearted
goodheartedly	goodheartedness	goodhumor
goodhumored	goodhumoredly	goodhumoredness
goodhumorednesses	goodhumour	goodhumoured
goodhumouredly	goodhumouredness	goodhumourednesses
goodie	goodish	goodlier
goodliest	goodliness	goodlook
goodlooker	goodlooking	goodly
goodman	goodmen	goodmorning
goodnature	goodnatured	goodnaturedly
goodnaturedness	goodness	goodnesses
goodnight	goodsized	goodsized
goodtempered	goodtemperedly	goodtime
goodun	goodwife	goodwill
goodwilled	goodwives	goody
goodyear	feelgood	scattergood
supergood		

great ⠠⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(a\)](#)]

greataunt	greatbatch	greatcircle
greatcoat	greaten	greatened
greatener	greatening	greater

greatest	greatgrandaunt	greatgrandchild
greatgrandchildren	greatgranddad	greatgranddaughter
greatgrandfather	greatgrandfatherhood	greatgrandma
greatgrandmother	greatgrandmotherhood	greatgrandnephew
greatgrandniece	greatgrandpa	greatgrandparent
greatgrandparenthood	greatgrandson	greatgranduncle
greathearted	greatheartedly	greatheartedness
greatheartednesses	greatly	greatnephew
greatness	greatnesses	greatniece
greatsword	greatuncle	

herself ⠠⠠⠠⠠

him ⠠⠠

himbo

himboes

himself ⠠⠠⠠⠠

immediate ⠠⠠⠠⠠

immediately

immediateness

its ⠠⠠⠠

itself ⠠⠠⠠

letter ⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

letterbomb	letterbombed	letterbomber
letterbombing	letterbox	letterboxed
letterboxer	letterboxes	letterboxing
letterbodies	letterbody	lettered
letterer	letterform	letterhead
letterheading	lettering	letterman
lettermen	letteropener	letterperfect
letterpress	letterpressed	letterpresses
letterpressing	letterquality	letterspace

letterspaced

letterspacing

lettertext

bloodletter

chainletter

hateletter

loveletter

newsletter

reletter

relettered

relettering

unlettered

little ⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

littled

littleneck

littleness

littlenesses

littler

littlest

belittle

belittled

belittlement

belittler

much ⠠⠠⠠

muchly

muchness

forasmuch

inasmuch

insomuch

overmuch

must ⠠⠠⠠

must've

musta

mustard

mustier

mustiest

mustily

mustiness

mustn't

mustn't've

musty

myself ⠠⠠⠠⠠**necessary** ⠠⠠⠠⠠

unnecessary

neither ⠠⠠⠠⠠**oneself** ⠠⠠⠠⠠**ourselves** ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠**paid** ⠠⠠⠠

highlypaid

illpaid

lowlypaid

overpaid

poorlypaid

postpaid

prepaid

repaid

underpaid

unpaid

wellpaid

perceive ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

perceived

apperceived

misperceived

unperceived

perceiver

apperceiver

misperceiver

apperceive

misperceive

unperceive

perceiving ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

apperceiving

misperceiving

unperceiving

perhaps ⠠⠠⠠⠠

perhapses

quick ⠠⠠⠠ [See also [Section 10.9.3 \(c\)](#)]

quickdraw

quickener

quickest

quickfreeze

quickfrozen

quickishly

quickness

quickset

quicksilvering

quickstepped

quicktempered

quickwittedly

doublequick

quicken

quickenings

quickfire

quickfreezing

quickie

quicklime

quicknesses

quicksilver

quicksnap

quickstepper

quicktime

quickwittedness

superquick

quickenings

quicker

quickfiring

quickfroze

quickish

quickly

quicksand

quicksilvered

quickstep

quickstepping

quickwitted

quicky

unquick

receive ⠠⠠⠠⠠

received

preceive

receiver

preceiver

receivership

unreceived

receiving ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

preceiving

rejoice ⠠⠗⠑⠔⠊⠗⠑⠊⠗⠑

rejoiced

rejoicefulness

unrejoiced

unrejoicefully

rejoiceful

rejoicer

unrejoicer

unrejoicefulness

rejoicefully

unrejoice

unrejoiceful

rejoicing ⠠⠗⠑⠔⠊⠗⠑⠊⠗⠑⠊⠗⠑

rejoicingly

unrejoicing

unrejoicingly

said ⠠⠎⠑⠊⠗⠔

saidest

foresaid

saidst

gainsaid

aforesaid

missaid

should ⠠⠎⠑⠔⠗⠔

should've

shouldn't

shoullda

shouldn't've

shouldest

shouldst

such ⠠⠎⠑⠘

suchlike

somesuch

nonesuch

nonsuch

themselves ⠠⠎⠑⠗⠎⠑⠗⠎⠑⠗⠎**thymself** ⠠⠎⠑⠎⠑⠗⠎**today** ⠠⠎⠑⠔⠑**together** ⠠⠎⠑⠔⠑⠗⠑⠗

togetherness

tomorrow ⠠⠎⠑⠔⠑⠗⠗**tonight** ⠠⠎⠑⠔⠑⠔**would** ⠠⠎⠑⠔

would've

wouldn't

woullda

wouldn't've

wouldest

wouldst

'twould

'twould've

'twoulda

'twouldn't

'twouldn't've

your ⠠⠽⠠⠺⠠⠷**yourself** ⠠⠽⠠⠺⠠⠺⠠⠺⠠⠺

do-it-yourselfer

yourselves ⠠⠽⠠⠺⠠⠺⠠⠺⠠⠺⠠⠺

Rules for list construction

Shortforms as words

1. The 75 shortforms of Unified English Braille are on the Shortforms List.

Shortforms as parts of longer words

2. When a shortform is part of a longer word, add the longer word to the Shortforms List provided that:
 - (a) the longer word retains an original meaning and the original spelling of the shortform; and
 - (b) use of the shortform is not prohibited by rules 3–5 which follow.

Examples:

ahimsa ⠠⠁⠓⠊⠄⠎⠁

brailist ⠠⠃⠗⠊⠁⠊⠎⠞⠊

declaration ⠠⠔⠃⠁⠗⠁⠗⠁⠞⠁⠞⠞⠁⠞

drafter ⠠⠔⠗⠁⠋⠞⠑⠗

lacrosse ⠠⠊⠁⠄⠁⠗⠎⠎⠑

marabout ⠠⠄⠁⠗⠁⠃⠕⠗

mustache ⠠⠄⠘⠎⠞⠁⠄⠑

mustang ⠠⠄⠘⠎⠞⠁⠄

muster ⠠⠄⠘⠎⠞⠑⠗

necessarily ⠠⠄⠘⠎⠞⠁⠄⠑⠗⠠⠄⠘⠎⠞⠁⠄⠑⠗

rafter ⠠⠗⠁⠋⠞⠑⠗

shoulder ⠠⠎⠑⠄⠗⠑⠗

3. Do not add a longer word to the Shortforms List if using the shortform in it would create another word.

Examples:

abouts ⠠⠁⠃⠔⠘⠎⠞⠁⠄⠑⠗ [not] ⠠⠄⠘⠎⠞⠁⠄⠑⠗ [abdominal muscles]

