Unified English Braille Contractions Summary

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The following is a comprehensive list of all Unified English Braille Contractions organized by type of contraction. The nine contractions discontinued by Unified English Braille are also described where they use to be included in English Braille American Edition.

**Alphabetic wordsigns:**
but can do every from go have just knowledge like more not people quite rather so that us very will it you as

**Strong wordsigns:**
child shall this which out still

**Strong contractions:**
- May be used as groupsigns and as wordsigns.
  and for of the with

**Strong groupsigns:**
- **ble** is an eliminated strong groupsign
  ch gh sh th wh ed er ou ow st ing ar

**Lower wordsigns:**
- **to, into, and by** are eliminated lowerword signs
  be enough were his in was

**Lower groupsigns:**
- **com** and **dd** are eliminated lower groupsigns
  ea be bb con cc dis en ff gg in
Initial-letter contractions: May be used as groupsigns and as wordsigns. beginning with dots 45: upon these those whose word beginning with dots 456: cannot had many spirit their world beginning with dot 5: day ever father here know lord mother name one part question right some time under young there character through where ought work

Final-letter groupsigns:
- ation and ally are eliminated as final-letter groupsigns beginning with dots 46: ound ance sion less ount beginning with dots 56: ence ong ful tion ness ment ity

Shortforms:
- EBAE included 76 shortforms prior to the elimination of the shortform o’clock.
- UEB includes 75 shortforms now that the shortform o’clock is eliminated.
- An asterisk after the last letter of a word in this list indicates the shortform is one of the ten special shortforms not on the Shortforms List (UEB Rulebook: Appendix 1).