



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 group signs and as word signs.
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 group signs:

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

Shortforms:

- EB&A 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).

blind* braille* children* first* friend* good* great* letter* little* quick*
about above according across after afternoon afterward again against also
almost already altogether although always could declare declaring deceive
deceiving either him himself herself immediate myself much must
necessary neither paid perceive perceiving perhaps receive receiving
rejoice rejoicing said such today together tomorrow tonight itself its your
yourself yourselves themselves should thyself ourselves would because
before behind below beneath beside between beyond conceive conceiving
oneself