Lesson 8

Lower Groupsigns for bb, cc, ff, gg, ea
More Shortforms

8.1 The Double-Letter Signs and *ea* Sign [UEB §10.6.5-10.6.6]

Contraction	**Meaning**
⠰	bb
⠸	cc
⠐	ff
⠘	gg
⠂	ea

8.1a Used only within words. Note that, in addition to the meanings given above, each of these characters is also used to represent some other contraction or punctuation. Some represent whole words, others act as contractions at the beginning of words, and some appear at the end of words as punctuation. To prevent confusion, these characters are used as groupsigns representing the double-letter signs or the *ea* sign *only* when they occur between letters and/or contractions within a word. For that reason they are sometimes called the "sandwich contractions." Examples:

rubble	occupy	puffy	eggs	really
⠗⠰⠃⠇⠑	⠕⠉⠰⠉⠥⠏⠽	⠏⠥⠰⠋⠽	⠑⠰⠛⠎	⠗⠑⠰⠇⠽
grabbed	accept	stiffly	Peggy	mileage
⠛⠗⠰⠃⠙	⠁⠉⠰⠉⠑⠏⠞	⠌⠰⠋⠇⠽	⠠⠰⠛⠛⠽	⠍⠰⠑⠁⠛⠑

Consequently, these contractions cannot be used at the beginning or the end of a word. Nor can they be used in contact with punctuation or indicators.

Examples:

easy	tea	sheriff's	SeaCliff Apts.	ebb-tide

8.1b *ea*. The contraction for *ea* is not used when its letters bridge a prefix and the remainder of the word.

Examples:

preamble	readjust

8.1c Solid compound words. Although these groupsigns are not used in *tea, sea,* or *egg*, they are used in the compound words *teacup, seashore*, and *egghead.* If, however, the letters comprising any of these contractions fall partly into one component of a compound word and partly into the other, the contraction is not used. Examples:

pineapple	dumbbell	doggone	poleax

8.1d Contraction preferences. The contractions for *bb, cc, ff, gg,* and *ea* are the least favored of all one-cell groupsigns. When a choice must be made between contractions, *any other one-cell groupsign is preferred over them.* Examples:

(of)fice	[*not*]	o(ff)ice	(the)at(er)	[*not*]	(th)(ea)t(er)
le(ar)n	[*not*]	l(ea)rn	ef(for)t	[*not*]	e(ff)ort
sac(ch)(ar)(in)e	[*not*]	sa(cc)h(ar)(in)e	me(and)(er)	[*not*]	m(ea)nd(er)

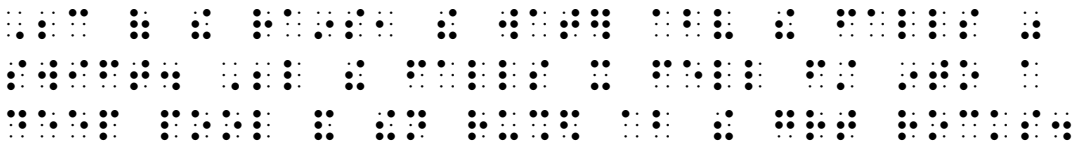
8.2 **More Shortforms** [UEB §10.9]

Following are six more shortforms to be memorized.

Shortform	Meaning	Shortform	Meaning	Shortform	Meaning
ab	about	(be)c	because	f(st)	first
abv	above	(be)l	below	grt	great

Example:

Because of the rains, the water above the falls was swift. Below the falls it fell first into a deep pool and then rushed about the great rocks.



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Practice brailling the following words and sentences. In the word section, leave three spaces between words.

rubber effective rabble scaffold adds coffee jiggle
hobbled zealot meander pebble create middle
succotash meddle Mecca idea ideal southeast react
bleach bleed dabble daddy

1. When he saw the cop put his finger on the trigger he gave up the struggle.
2. Succor was not slow in arriving for the disaster sufferers; in fact it was amazingly quick.
3. "You are a very good little girl, Effie," said Aunt Maggie.
4. You may think it odd, but I simply will not eat cabbage in any form.
5. "I kin go out with a diff’rent girl every night," said the sheriff's son.

6. She was a stiff-necked old aristocrat with an impressive genealogy who refused to mingle with the rabble.

7. The leaders of the plot will be tried for treason.

8. Write a letter saying, first of all, that we are committed and will not tolerate being treated like riffraff.

9. Hiding below the stairs, Mr. Eaton was puffing contentedly on a huge cigar.

10. Eddie paid $1500 for his first car and he is proud as a peacock.

11. For dinner we served the farmhands meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, eggplant, carrot and cabbage salad, bread, coffee, peaches and cream, and white cake topped with fluffy marshmallow frosting.

12. Her wedding bouquet was made of spirea and baby's breath.

13. In 1933 Leander and his boys were arrested as the result of a brawl near a St. Louis speakeasy.

14. The house was deserted and an uneaten meal was still spread on the table.

15. My cousin was taken prisoner by the Chinese Communists in the Korean War.

16. I was agreeably surprised by the fine delivery of the valedictory speech, which was given at the baccalaureate exercises.

17. Mr. Webb loves his old Rambler because it handles so well and he still gets great gas mileage, but above all, he just loves the way it looks.

18. He left his Chevrolet at the garage because he needed to have the carburetor readjusted and the wheels realigned.

19. I believe that the seller will accept considerably less than the price he quoted.

20. President Truman made monkeys out of the political wiseacres who were predicting a Republican victory in 1948.

21. Tina's new beau is picking her up about 8:00 and they are going to the theater.

22. It took a tremendous effort for Uncle Tobias to hobble up the steps because he is disabled by arthritis.

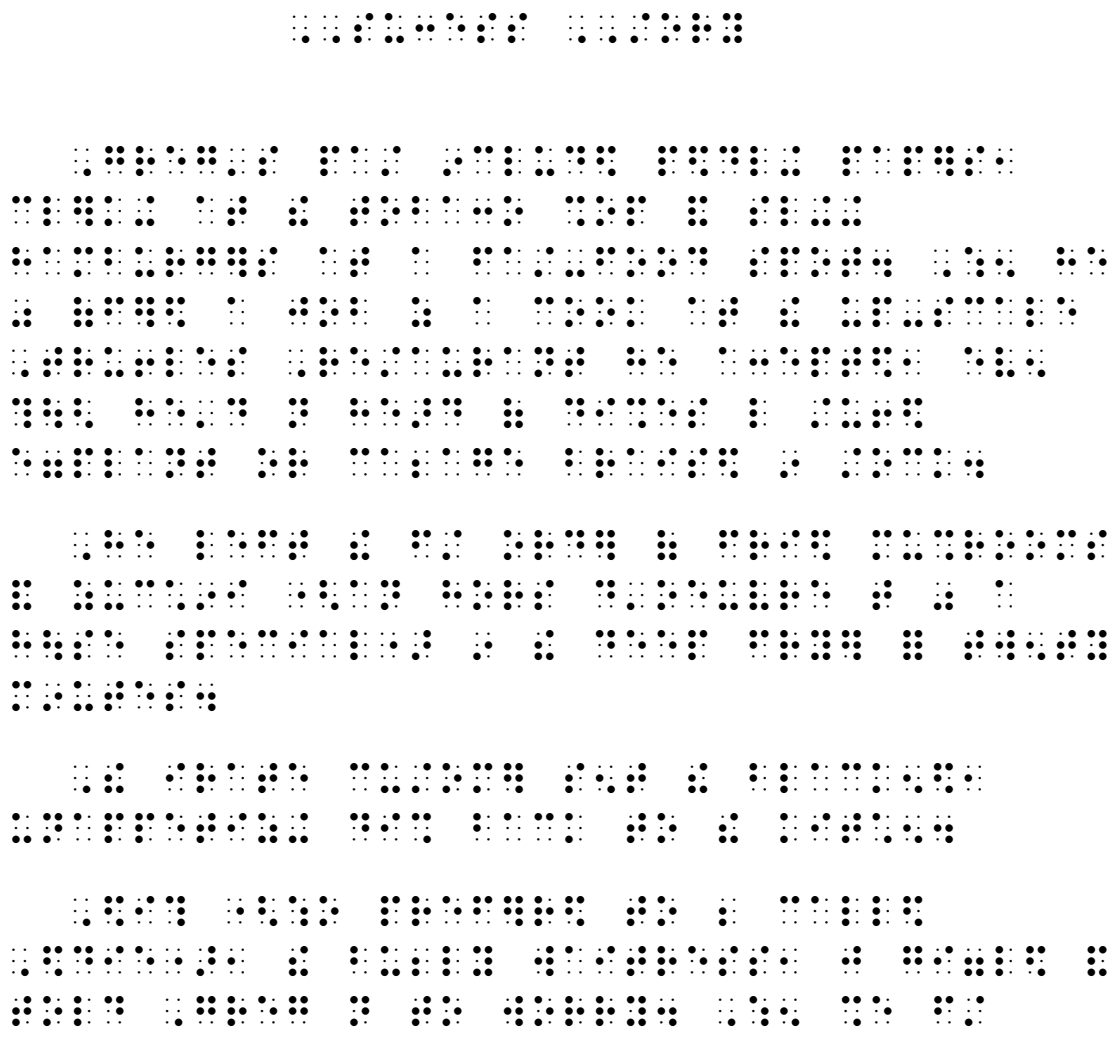
23. When the calisthenics were finished, the teacher gathered up the dumbbells and Indian clubs.

24. The doctor padded the area above and below the injury.

25. Luci avoided the accident by quick thinking.

READING PRACTICE

Write the following sentences in print. Compare your work with the print version in Appendix A.



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EXERCISE

Prepare the following exercise for submission to the instructor. Use a 3-1 margin. After you have successfully completed this exercise, the instructor will provide you with a reading exercise to complete before proceeding to Lesson 9.

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1. He was not accustomed to reducing expenses, but when he finally did so, Stafford was able to gather sufficient funding for a condominium near the beach.

2. Cloning has been researched for decades, but the public has not accepted the idea.

3. The scene in the dear little cottage presented a tableau of heart-warming domestic bliss and harmony.

4. The story about the aggressive robbers (continued in the next issue) is very creative and filled with horror and suspense.

5. A determined juror kept doggedly reasserting his belief that the accused was innocent.

6. Jeanne leaned over the edge of the raft, growing more nervous by the minute as the current accelerated.

7. They said the 4 text messages were supposed to have arrived by 12:30; they might as well have sent a letter in the mail.

8. "When you meet her, don't make a big deal over all that the Secretary of State has accomplished; she is very down-to-earth and likes to be treated like a normal person."

9. The alchemists of the Middle Ages were preoccupied with trying to make gold out of the baser metals.

10. On about the 1st of July, he will be ready to open his new office in the 'hood and will bring on a few staffers who will be well paid.

11. The motto that Cyril lives by is "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

12. The sheriff then placed handcuffs on the ruffians and led them off to jail.

13. Earnest was preparing breakfast—bacon and eggs—with a little help from RecipesOnline.com.

14. Following the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, the affable hosts served tea and very good muffins.

15. It's the bailiff's duty to keep order in the courtroom.

16. The ROSENTheater on Byron Street is featuring a great movie this evening.

17. It has been a custom in our household to serve eggnog during the Christmas season.

18. The widespread use of penicillin and other antibiotics considerably reduced the danger from certain diseases.

19. Have a good trip, and above all, stay below the speed limit.

20. Eddie's compass showed that we were headed southeast.

21. The Bible says that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

22. His entire demeanor was permeated with an air of insufferable conceit.

23. Be sure to consume plenty of protein for effective strength training with dumbbells or kettlebells.

24. Brown sugar on oatmeal or Cream of Wheat provides quick energy on a cold morning.

25. The handbill said: "We trace any genealogy and guarantee to provide you with an imposing lineage."

26. When I make Mom's muffins, I add pineapple and readjust the spices to make them tastier.

27. The funeral sermon was full of paeans of praise for the deceased leader.

28. "Be nice to Mr. Smith. We can't afford to dis our best customer."

29. The letter said that at last David was to realize his dream of becoming the proprietor of a small acreage.

SUMMARY OF CONTRACTION USAGE

Lower Signs

Lower sign rule: Any number of lower groupsigns and lower punctuation may follow one another without a space, provided that one of them is in contact with a character containing dot 1 or dot 4. Capital indicators are disregarded for purposes of this rule.

- When a series of lower signs is not in contact with a dot 1 or 4, the last possible contraction is spelled out.

Lower Wordsigns

be, his, was, were:

- Cannot be part of a longer word
- Cannot be used in contact with lower punctuation

In, Enough:

- Cannot be part of a longer word (except that *enough* can be used in the word *enough's*)
- Can be used in contact with lower punctuation if the sequence contains upper dots.
- The wordsign for *in* can be used next to a slash

Lower Groupsigns

be, con, dis:

- Are only used when they constitute the first syllable of a word.
- Are used following the hyphen in a hyphenated compound word.
- Are not used next to a slash.

• con and dis cannot be used as whole words.

• can be used in abbreviations if they do not constitute the entire abbreviation.

Bb, cc, ff, gg, ea:

• Are used only in the middle of words.

• Strong groupsigns have preference over them.

• Are never used when in contact with punctuation.

• ea is not used when its letters overlap a prefix and the remainder of the word.

en, in:

• Can be used wherever the letters occur.

• Strong groupsigns have preference over them; however, ing cannot be used at the beginning of a word.

• Must follow the lower sign rule.