

Weekly Dose Cheat Sheet for Modifiers

Modifiers are used to show accented letters or diacritics in braille.

Braille Symbol	Meaning	Example
⠠⠨	breve above following letter	Û ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠	macron above following letter	Ū ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨	cedilla below following letter	ç ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨	grave accent above following letter	à ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠	circumflex above following letter	ô ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨	tilde above following letter	ñ ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨	umlaut or diaeresis above following letter	ü ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨	Ligature indicator	æ ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨
⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨	acute accent above following letter	é ⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨

⠠⠨⠠⠨ schwa

⠠⠨⠠⠨⠠⠨ circle above letter

STRESS

⠠⠠⠠ Primary stress sign

⠠⠠⠠ Secondary stress sign

Example:

ap'ri hen' shən ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

RULE: Place a modifier before the letter it modifies in braille.

Example: café ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠

RULE: Place the indicator before the modifier.

Examples:

À LA MODE ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

À La Carté ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

RULE: A modified letter may not form part of a contraction.

Example: señor ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠ ⠠⠠⠠

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille