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# Weekly Dose Standing Alone

## Standing alone

2.6.1 A letter or letters-sequence is considered to be "standing alone" if it is preceded and followed by a space, a hyphen or a dash. The dash may be of any length, i.e. the dash or the long dash.

**Example:** x—it ⠰⠭⠠⠤⠊⠞

**RULE:** A letter or letters-sequence is considered to be "standing alone" when the following common punctuation and indicator symbols intervene between the letter or letters-sequence and the preceding space, hyphen or dash:

- opening parenthesis (round bracket), opening square bracket or opening curly bracket (brace bracket)
- opening quotation mark
- nondirectional quotation mark
- apostrophe
- opening typeform
- capitals indicator
- opening transcriber's note indicator
- or any combination of these.

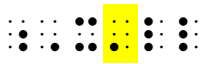
**Example:** (c ⠐⠣⠰⠉

**Be careful** … When the following, punctuations or symbols, such as; Angle bracket opening/closing <>, crosshatch #, asterisk *, ampersand &, dash/swung ~, slash / are used when next to a letter or letter-sequence, they are not considered to be standing alone.

**RULE:** A letter or letters-sequence is considered to be "standing alone" when the following common punctuation and indicator symbols intervene between the letter or letters-sequence and the following space, hyphen or dash:

- comma, semicolon, colon, full stop (period), ellipsis, exclamation mark or question mark
- closing parenthesis (round bracket), closing square bracket or closing curly bracket (brace bracket)
- closing quotation mark
- nondirectional quotation mark
- apostrophe
- typeform terminator
- capitals mode terminator
- closing transcriber's note indicator
- or any combination of these.

**RULE:** A word with an interior apostrophe is considered to be "standing alone" under the specific provisions of Section 10 (alphabetic wordsigns), (strong wordsigns) and (shortforms).

**Example:** X'll 

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille