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Weekly Dose Dot Locator for Mention or Use

Dot locator for "mention" ⠠⠠⠠

RULE Use a dot locator for "mention" to set apart a braille symbol which is under discussion, as in a symbols list, a transcriber's note or in a publication about braille such as this one. Place the dot locator for "mention" before the braille symbol and unspaced from it.

Dot locator for "use" ⠠⠠⠠⠠

RULE Use a dot locator for "use" unspaced before a braille symbol to assure that it will be physically recognizable. A braille symbol which has only lower dots and which is isolated from other text may otherwise be misread. A braille symbol preceded by a dot locator for "use" retains its normal effect on text.

TEACHING POINT: So what is the difference exactly?

- The *Dot Locator for Mention*, is used only in a symbol's list or when defining a symbol.
- The *Dot Locator for Use*, is used when a symbol is free floating could get lost in the space.

Example: ⠠⠠⠠⠠ (A semicolon that is standing alone in a table, not to be confused for the lower wordsign be.)

Source: Rule of Unified English Braille General Symbols Indicators, NBA