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Weekly Dose

Rules of Shortforms NOT on the Shortforms List

RULE Use any of the ten shortforms listed below within a longer word that is not on the Shortforms List, provided the word is "standing alone"

- "braille" or "great": Use the shortform wherever it occurs.
- "children": Use the shortform provided that it is not followed by a vowel or "y".
- "blind", "first", "friend", "good", "letter", "little" or "quick": Use the shortform if it begins the word and is not followed by a vowel or "y".

Now this can be very tricky, pay attention to how the rules are used in the 3 examples below.

LLC ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

(The grade 1 symbol indicator is used in this case because "LL" are shown as letters.)

littleleague ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

(The shortform "little" is contracted because it is followed by a consonant and not a vowel.)

Littleout 

(The shortform "little" is uncontracted because it is followed by a vowel.)

Source Rules of Unified English Braille