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Weekly Dose Preference

Where there is more than one possible choice in the use of group signs, make the selection based on the following principles, unless other rules apply.

RULE Give preference to the group sign which causes a word to occupy fewer cells.

Example: happiness ⠠⠏⠁⠏⠏⠊⠑⠎⠎⠠⠇⠑⠁⠎⠎

RULE Give preference to the strong contractions provided their use does not waste space.

Example: Coffee ⠠⠕⠋⠑⠑⠠⠙⠑⠑

RULE Use the lower group sign for "be", "con" or "dis" in preference to other group signs when the letters it represents form the first syllable of a word.

Example: distance ⠠⠙⠊⠑⠑⠠⠗⠑⠑

RULE Use the strong group signs in preference to the lower group signs.

Example: heart ⠠⠏⠑⠁⠗⠠⠗⠑⠑

Source: Rule of Unified English Braille Section 10