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Weekly Dose
Four New Shortform Words Added to UEB Rules

The International Council on English Braille (ICEB) Executive and Code Maintenance Committee has approved the following four words to be added to the Rules of Unified English Braille (UEB)
2013.

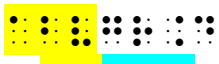
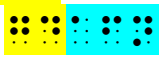
Shortforms List:
Under “after” the words aftermentioned and aftertheater
Under “before” the word beforementioned
Under “must” the word mustardy

What is a shortform? An abbreviated form of a word.

RULE Use the shortform whenever the word it represents is "standing alone."

RULE Use the shortform within a longer word provided that the longer word is “standing alone” (including any affix with an apostrophe) and that the longer word.

Here are few examples to help with clarity. [If you notice in the two examples below, the meaning of the shortform “above” is retained. Also, both shortforms “good” and “afternoon,” their word meaning is retained, therefore, contractions CAN be used and is considered to be standing alone.]

aboveground 
goodafternoon 

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille 2013 and ICEB