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Weekly Dose Appendix 1 Shortform List

You can find the Appendix 1 under the Rules of Unified English Braille Second Edition 2013. This Appendix provides the Shortform's List and the rules used to determine whether a word is added to the list. The Shortforms List is maintained by the ICEB Code Maintenance Committee.

As you read from last week, recently added to the Appendex 1 Shortform List are the following:

- Under "after" the words aftermentioned and aftertheater
- Under "before" the word beforementioned
- Under "must" the word mustardy

Below are the three "new" shortforms shown in simbraille for your reference:

aftermentioned ⠄⠆⠍⠞⠊⠕⠝⠫

afterheater ⠄⠆⠓⠑⠁⠞⠻

beforementioned ⠄⠆⠍⠞⠊⠕⠝⠫

mustardy ⠄⠆⠽⠻

Remember, added "s" and apostrophe "s" when an "s" or apostrophe "s" is added to any word on the list, use the shortform with the following three exceptions:

1 abouts CORRECT ⠁⠃⠳⠎ NOT CORRECT ⠁⠃⠎

2 almosts CORRECT ⠁⠇⠍⠳⠎ NOT CORRECT ⠁⠇⠍⠎

3 hims CORRECT ⠓⠊⠍⠎ NOT CORRECT ⠓⠍⠎

Just a few more shortform reminders straight out of the Rules of Unified English Braille 2013

- "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".

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