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Weekly Dose
Empty Space Preceding a Closing Parentheses

How to properly transcribe a blank space correctly when it appears in print. Should a blank space be inserted or not inserted before a closing parentheses or bracket? The answer is YES, insert a blank cell.

RULE Follow print for the placement and spacing of parentheses and brackets.

EXAMPLES
Rock Lindor (1947-)
⠗⠕⠉⠅ ⠇⠊⠝⠙⠕⠗ ⠐⠣⠁⠊⠙⠕⠗ ⠐⠣

Can you pick the next house number (1-3-5-7-)?
⠠⠉⠁⠝ ⠽⠕⠥ ⠏⠊⠉⠅ ⠞⠓⠑ ⠝⠑⠭⠞ ⠓⠕⠥⠎⠑ ⠝⠥⠍⠃⠑⠗ ⠐⠣⠁⠊⠙⠕⠗ ⠐⠣

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille