

LESSON 11

RULE: Compound words. Contractions cannot be used if they overlap a solid compound word; consequently the **en** sign is not used in toenail or treenail.

RULE: The Lower-Sign Rule Any number of unspaced lower group signs *can follow one another provided the sequence is in contact with a character containing an upper dot* (dot 1 or dot 4). In the following example, both the **in** and **en** contractions are used in the word *linen* because the lower signs are in contact with the letter *l*.

Example:

Was it truly his, that suit of fine linen?

A sequence of 11 dot patterns arranged horizontally. The first 10 patterns are black dots on a white background, and the 11th pattern is yellow dots on a yellow background. The patterns represent the digits 1 through 0 in a 5x3 grid.

RULE: *Lower Groups* signs for; **be, con, dis**

As a first syllable of word. The contractions for **be**, **con**, and **dis** are sometimes called the "leader" contractions because they are used only at the **beginning of a word**. Thus, these contractions are used in such words as *believe*, *connect*, and *distract*. They are not used in words such as unbelievable,

misconduct, or predisposed where they do not occur at the beginning of the word. Nor are they used in such words as bee, belligerent, conch, and disc where *other letters are included in the syllable*.

RULE: With punctuation. The contractions for **be**, **con**, and **dis** are used when punctuation comes before them. Therefore, these contractions can be used when they constitute the first syllable in the second word of a hyphenated compound word.

Examples:

self-control

"Control that dog!"

RULE Do not use these contractions when they are in contact with a slash.

Example:

object/concur 

RULE: Do not use the contractions for **be**, **con**, and **dis** when punctuation or a capital indicator comes immediately after them. As a consequence, they are not used in syllabicated words.

Examples:

[illegible]

Con-rad! ⠠⠉⠗⠁⠇⠑

LOWER GROUPS

be ::

con

dis $\ddot{\cdot}$

en 

in 

LOWER WORDSIGNS

be ::

enough ∴

his $\ddot{\cdot}$

in

was 

STRONG WORDSSIGNS

child ⠠⠏⠢⠃⠊⠏

shall ⠠⠎⠏⠁⠞

this ⠠⠞⠏⠊⠎

which ⠠⠕⠞⠊⠞⠏

out ⠠⠕⠞

still ⠠⠎⠞⠊⠞