

LESSON 21

NUMERIC INDICATOR ⠼⠼

This indicator sets both numeric mode and grade 1 mode. Numeric mode is STOPPED by a *space* or by *any symbol other than* the ten digits, period, comma, numeric space and simple numeric fraction line.

JUST REMEMBER, grade 1 mode, when set by the numeric indicator, is terminated by a space, hyphen, dash, or grade 1 terminator.

Numbers Followed By Letters

RULE When numbers have stopped and letters have begun, use a grade 1 symbol indicator (⠼⠼) before the lowercase letters a-j, that is, if they are right next to a number. Because the capitalized letters a-j and the letters k-z can easily be distinguished from numbers, no grade 1 symbol indicator is required.

EXAMPLES:

5c ⠼⠼⠼⠼
46T ⠼⠼⠼⠼⠼⠼
7th ⠼⠼⠼⠼

RULE the **hyphen** and the **slash** END numeric mode.

EXAMPLE:

3-c ⠼⠼⠼⠼
3/c ⠼⠼⠼⠼

RULE a **period** does not **END** numeric mode.

EXAMPLE:

30.a.-f. 

Letters Followed By Numbers

RULE When a single letter is followed immediately by a number, or a slash and a number, a grade 1 symbol indicator is **not** required.

EXAMPLE:

T19 ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

T/19 


Also, when a letter grouping is followed by a number, or a hyphen and a number, use a grade 1 symbol indicator (∷) only if the letters could be confused for a number or a shortform.

Example:

E55A

L-7GS

CR98 

yr-5 

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille