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LESSON 9

WHAT YOU KNOW:

Contractions (40)

Punctuation (9)

Indicators (5)

FINAL GOAL:

Contractions (182)

Punctuations (25)

Indicators (25)

STRONG GROUPSIGNS ar, ed, er, gh, ow, ing

Groupsign Meaning:

⠠ ar

⠠ ed

⠠ er

⠠ gh

⠠ ow

⠠ ing

RULE

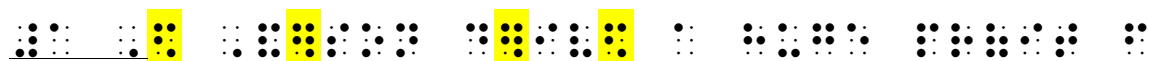
In general, these group signs are used wherever the letters they represent occur.

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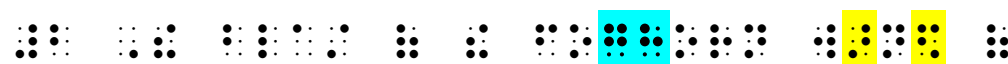
- Cannot be used in between a Solid Compound Word (sweetheart)
- Aspirated h (example word: mishandle)

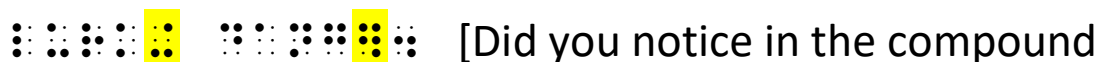
SPACE SAVING: Preference for the Contractions **and, for, of, the,** and **with.** Example: bro(the)r

PRACTICE SENTENCES







 [Did you notice in the compound

word foghorn, the group sign **gh** is NOT USED because a

contraction is not used between a solid compound word.]











A QUICK SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED SO FAR!

Below is a summary of some of the important concepts in contraction usage that have been studied thus far:

- A wordsign is a contraction that represents an entire word. A groupsign represents two or more letters that are part of a word. Some contractions have both a wordsign and a groupsign meaning.
- Wordsigns may be used only if they are standing alone—i.e., both preceded and followed by a space, hyphen, dash, or punctuation (restrictions on punctuation will be studied later).
- Alphabetic and strong wordsigns may also be used if they are followed by 'd, 'll, 're, 's, 't or 've.
- Groupsigns may not be used if their letters overlap the components of a solid compound word.
- If there is a choice of contractions, the strong groupsigns **and**, **for**, **of**, **the**, and **with** should be chosen unless another choice would result in fewer cells used.
- The strong groupsigns **ch**, **gh**, **sh**, **th**, and **wh** should not be used if the h is aspirated.
- Groupsigns may not be used if their letters are part of an ordinal number (no contractions are used in numeric mode).

- If a contraction's wordsign meaning is different from its groupsign meaning, the groupsign is not used when the letters it represents are standing alone.
- The strong groupsign **ing** may not be used at the beginning of a word.