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## Weekly Dose Groupsign Used in a Prefix

**Question:** Should the groupsign (ed) be contracted in a prefix, for example the word redraw, but what about the pronunciation of the word if the groupsign is used?

RULE 10.11.5 In general use a groupsign which bridges a prefix and the remainder of a word unless its use would hinder the recognition or pronunciation of the word. In particular, use the groupsigns for "ed", "en", "er", "of" and "st".

Other examples for comparing.

reread :: ⠠⠠⠠⠠

mistrust :: ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

professor :: ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

renewable :: ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

redeemable :: ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

**Answer:** Yes, contract the groupsign ed in the word  
**red**draw :: ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠.

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille; section 10  
Contractions.