

Weekly Dose Groupsigns and Space Saving Techniques

Here are a few thoughts around braille that incorporates space saving examples. These are a few examples that will highlight the use of groupsigns. A groupsign can often time occupy fewer braille cells, the result, less space is utilized.

Here are a few types of groupsigns to consider.

Strong Groupsigns: This groupsign will utilize the upper and lower part of the braille cell.

Lower Groupsigns: This groupsign will utilize the lower part of the braille cell.

Final-letter Groupsign: When the letters it represents follow a letter, a contraction, a modified letter or a ligatured letter unless other rules limit its use.

Example 1: bathed ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

RULE Use the strong groupsigns in preference to the lower groupsigns.

Example 2: Spencer ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

RULE Final-letter groupsigns their use does not waste space.

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille 2013