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Weekly Dose Hyphen used as Dash

RULE Represent a spaced hyphen in print with a spaced hyphen in braille.

Example:

Can we go please by 5:00 - ok - maybe 5:30, but NO later?

RULE When print uses two side by side hyphens as a replacement for a dash, it is OK to use a dash in braille. Simply use two hyphens when it is clear that two hyphens are intended. Such as, to represent two missing letters in a word.

Examples:

You can--without a--doubt succeed!

Did you notice that the two hyphens used in print, are shown as a dash in braille.

bas--all ⠨⠨⠨⠨⠨⠨ In this case, print used two hyphens to represent two missing letters. In braille, two hyphens are used.

TEACHING POINT When in doubt, JUST use two hyphens.

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille