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## Weekly Dose Low Line Vs. Three dot 5s

**RULE** An underscore represents a low line in print that **indicates omission** of a word or a blank to be filled in. (Answer needed by reader.)

**EXAMPLE:**

Please write your name \_\_\_\_\_ and age \_\_\_\_\_ before you sign up to drive.

**RULE** If print uses empty space to show an omission, substitute three dot 5s and insert a transcriber's note explaining the change from print. (NO ANSWER is needed by reader.)

**EXAMPLE:**

It is outside today.

**LEARNING POINT:**

- Use the low line when – space NEEDS a written answer or something to be filled in by the reader.
- Use the three dot 5s when – space does NOT require something to be filled in by the reader. (A transcriber's note is required.)

Source: 2016 Braille Formats UEB