

Weekly Dose Groupsing, Wordsign next to the Hyphen

There are many different ways for a groupsign or wordsign can be utilized. Not to mention, how these signs can really effect if whether to contract or not to contract.

EXAMPLE #1 Lower Groupsing

RULE Use the lower groupsign for "be", "con" or "dis" when the letters it represents form the first syllable of a word.

be-stow  

[In this example the lower groupsign “be” CANNOT be used because it does not form the first syllable of a word.]

EXAMPLE #2 Lower Wordsign

would-be actor   

Remember, it depends on how you interpret the text you are transcribing. In this example above, the lower wordsign “be” is NOT contracted because it could be confused for a semicolon.