

## Weekly Dose Sandwich Contraction

Not a lunch sandwich you eat with tomato soup, but the lower groupsigns, or sometimes referred to as the sandwich contraction. How these lower groupsigns receive their name, they fit in the middle of a word, like the lettuce of a sandwich.

ea ⠠

bb ⠠

cc ⠠

ff ⠠

gg ⠠

**RULE** Use the lower groupsign for "ea", "bb", "cc", "ff", or "gg" when the letters it represents are both preceded and followed by a letter, a contraction, a modified letter, or a ligatured letter unless other rules limit its use.

Note: These signs may also represent punctuation signs.

**QUESTION:** What happens when you must choose between which contraction to use? Such as the word **afford** OR **appear**.

**ANSWER:** First of all, think of the ease of reading, use the least amount of braille cells and it is preferred, in MOST situations, to lean towards choosing a strong groupsign.

## EXAMPLE

afford

⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠ [Incorrect]

⠠⠠⠠⠠ [Correct]

appear

⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠ [Incorrect]

⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠ [Correct]

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