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Weekly Dose Uncontracted or Grade 1

TERMINOLOGY UPDATE

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) announces a change in terminology to what has been traditionally known as "grade 1" and "grade 2" braille. These categories will now be referred to as "uncontracted" and "contracted" braille respectively.

DO NOT USE the Grade 1 mode in uncontracted braille because there are no contractions. In a nutshell, the letters CANNOT be confused for a word. It seems we tend to overthink the obvious, just stick to the rules and you will do great!

Source: Braille Authority of North American