

Weekly Dose the Reader's Perspective

Here are 4 ways a braille reader will determine the meaning of a braille sign.

1. Spacing
2. Applying the Standing Alone rule (e.g. alphabetic wordsigns)
[For example: An alphabetic wordsign MUST stand alone, otherwise it would be misread as a letter for word.]
3. Its position in relation to other signs (e.g. opening nonspecific quotation mark, line indicator, final-letter group signs)
4. By the mode in effect (e.g. digits, arrow indicator)
[For example, a phone number containing hyphens, the numeric indicator is used after the hyphen to maintain numeric mode.]

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille Section 2.4.3 General Rules.