

Weekly Dose Headings and Blank Lines

"What I love about being a braille transcriber, rules are rules, no gray area. For some reason blank lines and headings can be little confusing, can you make a blank line cheat sheet?"

A great starting place can be found in the Braille Formats 2016, updated version released in 2024, under **Appendix C Blank Lines.**

Blank Lines

Cell-5 Heading

Blank line before but not after a cell-5 heading

Blank line after if followed by columned material

Cell-7 Heading

Blank line before but not after a cell-7 heading

Blank line after if followed by columned material

Centered Heading

Blank line before and after a centered heading

No Blank Lines

- No blank line between a top box line and heading on next line
- No blank line between cell-5 and related cell-7 heading
- No blank line between a top box line and heading on next line
- No blank line before cell-7 heading that follows a cell-5 heading
- No blank line between *related* centered headings
- No blank line after Following Volumes or Volume number in the table of contents
- No blank line after centered heading in the table of contents

- No blank line following a *related* centered heading following a box line
- No blank line when used as an alphabetic division in an alphabetic reference

Source: Braille Formats: Principles of Print-to-Braille Transcriptions 2016 Appendix C Blank Lines.