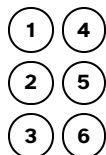


Unified English Braille (UEB) chart: one-cell contractions

46 of the most used contractions of UEB grade 2, each written in a single cell. Filled dots form the sign; empty circles mark the six positions. UEB is the literary braille code of the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and the other members of the International Council on English Braille.



Dot numbers: 1, 2 and 3 down the left column of the cell, 4, 5 and 6 down the right. Under each sign are its raised dots.

Alphabetic wordsigns: a letter standing alone is a word

but ● ○ ● ○ ○ ○ 1-2 letter b	can ● ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 1-4 letter c	do ● ● ○ ● ○ ○ 1-4-5 letter d	every ● ○ ○ ● ○ ○ 1-5 letter e	from ● ● ● ○ ○ ○ 1-2-4 letter f	go ● ● ● ● ○ ○ 1-2-4-5 letter g	have ● ○ ● ● ○ ○ 1-2-5 letter h	just ○ ● ● ● ○ ○ 2-4-5 letter j	knowledge ● ○ ○ ○ ● ○ 1-3 letter k	like ● ○ ● ○ ● ○ 1-2-3 letter l	more ● ● ○ ○ ● ○ 1-3-4 letter m	not ● ● ○ ● ● ○ 1-3-4-5 letter n
people ● ● ● ○ ○ ○ 1-2-3-4 letter p	quite ● ● ● ● ○ ○ 1-2-3-4-5 letter q	rather ● ○ ● ● ○ ○ 1-2-3-5 letter r	so ○ ● ● ● ○ ○ 2-3-4 letter s	that ○ ● ● ● ○ ○ 2-3-4-5 letter t	us ● ○ ○ ○ ● ● 1-3-6 letter u	very ● ○ ● ● ● ● 1-2-3-6 letter v	will ○ ● ● ● ○ ○ 2-4-5-6 letter w	it ● ● ○ ○ ● ● 1-3-4-6 letter x	you ● ● ○ ○ ● ● 1-3-4-5-6 letter y	as ● ○ ○ ○ ● ● 1-3-5-6 letter z	

Standing alone, **b** means **but**, **c** means **can**, and so on. Inside a word the cell is just its letter. Two do not start with their letter: **x** is **it** and **z** is **as**.

Strong contractions

and ● ● ● ○ ● ● 1-2-3-4-6	for ● ● ● ● ● ● 1-2-3-4-5-6	of ● ○ ● ● ● ● 1-2-3-5-6	the ○ ● ● ○ ● ● 2-3-4-6	with ○ ● ● ● ● ● 2-3-4-5-6
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Whole words, and the same letters inside a word: **hand** is h + **and**.

Strong wordsigns

child ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ● 1-6 = ch	shall ● ● ○ ○ ○ ● 1-4-6 = sh	this ● ● ○ ○ ● ● 1-4-5-6 = th	which ● ○ ○ ● ○ ● 1-5-6 = wh	out ● ○ ● ● ○ ● 1-2-5-6 = ou	still ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 3-4 = st
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The cells of **ch**, **sh**, **th**, **wh**, **ou** and **st**: standing alone they are the word.

Strong groupsigns: a group of letters in one cell

ch ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ● 1-6 rich	gh ● ○ ● ○ ○ ● 1-2-6 sigh	sh ● ● ○ ○ ○ ● 1-4-6 fish	th ● ● ○ ● ○ ● 1-4-5-6 math	wh ● ○ ○ ● ○ ● 1-5-6 whip	ed ● ● ● ○ ○ ● 1-2-4-6 fed	er ● ● ● ● ○ ○ 1-2-4-5-6 her	ou ● ○ ● ● ○ ● 1-2-5-6 loud	ow ○ ● ● ○ ○ ● 2-4-6 cow	st ○ ● ○ ○ ● ○ 3-4 mist	ar ○ ● ○ ● ○ ● 3-4-5 car	ing ○ ● ○ ○ ● ● 3-4-6 ring
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Used wherever the letters occur, as in the example under each sign, unless a UEB rule limits them.

These 46 are part of **UEB grade 2**, which has 180 contractions in all. The official reference is the **Rules of Unified English Braille**, from the International Council on English Braille. Printed dots are for the eyes, not for touch: for signs, labels or anything a blind person will read by touch, work with a certified braille transcriber.