Contractions in Word Division

Where the Hyphen Exists in Print

Where a hyphen exists in the print copy, the word sequence may be broken AFTER the hyphen at the end of a braille line, using the same contractions as if it were unbroken.

The Lower Sign Rule must be met and some lower contractions may need to be spelt out, if used with punctuation.

Examples:

child-like  

child-  

like  

air-conditioner  

air-  

conditioner  

teach-in  

 teach-  

 in  

is-was  

 is-  

 was

NOTE: The wordsign was may not touch a hyphen. As "was" is spelt out in the unbroken sequence, it must also be spelt out in the broken sequence.
Examples: (Lower Sign Rule)

- teach-in.
- in-laws

**Where the Hyphen is Added by a Transcriber**

"ing"

The ing groupsign may not begin a line. Use the in contraction where "ing" begins a new line.

*Example:*

- nightingale

**be, con, dis groupsigns**

The groupsigns be, con and dis may not begin a new line following an added hyphen.

Avoid dividing a word immediately after "be", "con" or "dis" as lower contractions may not be used before a hyphen and no space is saved.
Examples:

anticonvulsive  **anticonvulsive**
anti-  convulsive
**anti- convulsive**

overdiscount  **overdiscount**
over-  discount
**over- discount**

**in, en groupsigns**

These groupsigns may be used with any hyphen but only if the Lower Sign Rule is met.

Example:

maidenhair fern  **maidenhair fern**
maiden-  hair fern
**maiden- hair fern**

But:

disinterestedly  **disinterestedly**
disin-  terestedly
**disin- terestedly**
Final-Letter Groupsigns

Final-letter groupsigns may not be used at the beginning of a new line following an added hyphen.

Examples:

section    sec::ion
           sec-    tion

faithfulness    fai::l::s
               faith-   fulness

Shortforms

A shortform should never be divided. Longer words on the Shortform Extension List may be divided but the internal shortforms may not.

Examples:

good afternoon    gdafan
                  good-   afternoon
                  g da    fan

unrejoicefulness    unrjcf::l::s
                   unrejoice-   fulness
                   unrjc::     ful::s