Word Division

It is preferable not to divide words at the end of a braille line. The following guidelines should only be used for extremely long words or when brailling using a manual method.

Hyphenated Words

Words with an existing hyphen may be divided with the hyphen at the end of a braille line.

*Examples:*

- well-behaved
- self-indulgent
- ill-disguised

Compound Words

Compound words are usually kept on a single braille line. If splitting is necessary, a compound word is best divided into its component parts.

*Examples:*

- thereofabouts
- thereabouts
- notwithstanding
- not-withstanding or notwith-standing

Divide between syllables

Words of one syllable must NEVER be divided.

Non-compound words should be divided between syllables.

Dictionaries and online resources can assist in splitting words into appropriate syllables to enable word division at the end of a braille line.

*Examples:*

- circumlocution
- circum-locution

*But:*

- schmaltzed