

RULE XIV — INITIAL-LETTER CONTRACTIONS

Dot 5 Contractions

Sign	Letters	Sign	Letters	Sign	Letters
⠠⠠⠠	day	⠠⠠⠠	name	⠠⠠⠠	work
⠠⠠⠠	ever	⠠⠠⠠	one	⠠⠠⠠	young
⠠⠠⠠	father	⠠⠠⠠	part	⠠⠠⠠	there
⠠⠠⠠	here	⠠⠠⠠	question	⠠⠠⠠	character
⠠⠠⠠	know	⠠⠠⠠	right	⠠⠠⠠	through
⠠⠠⠠	lord	⠠⠠⠠	some	⠠⠠⠠	where
⠠⠠⠠	mother	⠠⠠⠠	time	⠠⠠⠠	ought
		⠠⠠⠠	under		

Dots 4-5 Contractions

Sign	Letters	Sign	Letters	Sign	Letters
⠠⠠⠠	upon	⠠⠠⠠	these	⠠⠠⠠	whose
⠠⠠⠠	word	⠠⠠⠠	those		

Dots 4-5-6 Contractions

Sign	Letters	Sign	Letters	Sign	Letters
⠠⠠⠠	cannot	⠠⠠⠠	many	⠠⠠⠠	world
⠠⠠⠠	had	⠠⠠⠠	spirit	⠠⠠⠠	their

45. Initial-letter contractions may be used either as words or parts of words when they retain their original sound.

Examples

	Used	Not Used
day ⠠⠑⠁⠽	daytime ⠠⠑⠁⠽⠠⠞⠊⠎⠑	whaddaya (dialect) ⠠⠊⠏⠠⠑⠠⠑⠠⠑⠠⠑⠠⠑
	Dayton ⠠⠑⠁⠽⠠⠞⠊⠎⠑	
	dogdays ⠠⠑⠁⠽⠠⠑⠁⠽⠠⠑⠁⠽	
	yesterday ⠠⠑⠁⠽⠠⠑⠁⠽⠠⠑⠁⠽	
ever ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗	everywhere ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠑⠗⠑	evert ⠠⠑⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗
	Beverly ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗	severity ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗
	several ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗	fever ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗
	lever ⠠⠑⠑⠑⠗	
father ⠠⠑⠁⠞⠑⠗	fatherly ⠠⠑⠁⠞⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗	—
	grandfather ⠠⠑⠁⠞⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗	
	stepfather ⠠⠑⠁⠞⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗⠠⠑⠗	

	Used	Not Used
here ⠠⠑⠗⠑	herewith ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠋⠊⠞⠊⠞⠊⠞⠊⠞⠊	heresy ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠒⠑⠎⠑
	adheres ⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑	sphere ⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑
	cohere ⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑	(See §b. below.)
know ⠠⠑⠗⠑	knows ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑	—
	unknown ⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑	
	acknowledge ⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠠⠠⠑⠗⠑	
lord ⠠⠑⠗⠑	lordly ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑	lordosis ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑
	overlord ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑	
mother ⠠⠑⠗⠑	motherly ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑	chemotherapy ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑
	smothered ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑	
	grandmother ⠠⠑⠗⠑⠠⠑⠗⠑	

	Used	Not Used
right ⠠⠗⠢⠒⠞	rightly ⠠⠗⠢⠒⠞⠏⠗⠞⠞⠞ sprightly ⠠⠏⠗⠢⠒⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ bright ⠠⠃⠗⠢⠒⠞⠞	—
some ⠠⠎⠔⠞⠞⠞	(See §d. below.)	(See §d. below.)
time ⠠⠞⠢⠞⠞⠞	times ⠠⠞⠢⠞⠞⠞⠞ timer ⠠⠞⠢⠞⠞⠞⠞ maritime ⠠⠞⠢⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞	centime ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ centimeter ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ Mortimer ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞
under ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞	undertake ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ blunder ⠠⠃⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ thunder ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞	bounder ⠠⠃⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ launder ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ underived ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

	Used	Not Used
work ⠠⠺⠠⠕⠗⠎	working ⠠⠺⠠⠕⠗⠎⠠⠗⠎ unworkable ⠠⠺⠠⠕⠗⠎⠠⠕⠗⠎⠠⠁⠇⠇⠇⠇ handiwork ⠠⠎⠠⠕⠗⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	—
young ⠠⠺⠠⠔⠠⠎	youngster ⠠⠺⠠⠔⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎ youngest ⠠⠺⠠⠔⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	—
there ⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎	therein ⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎ thereby ⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	ethereal ⠠⠎⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎ gathered ⠠⠎⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎
character ⠠⠎⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎	characteristic ⠠⠎⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎ characterize ⠠⠎⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	—
through ⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	throughout ⠠⠞⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	—

Used

Not Used

where



wherein



(See §f. below.)

whereupon



nowhere



ought



oughtn't



Houghton



bought



thoughtless



doughty



drought



upon



thereupon



coupon



word



wording



sword



these



these



theses



	Used	Not Used
had ⠠⠏⠠⠃	hadn't ⠠⠏⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠛⠠⠛⠠⠛⠠⠛⠠⠛⠠⠛	hades ⠠⠏⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃
	Hadley ⠠⠏⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃	hadji ⠠⠏⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃
		shade ⠠⠏⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃⠠⠎⠠⠃
		(See §e. below.)
many ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎	manysided ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	—
	Germany ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	
spirit ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎	spiritual ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	(See §f. below.)
	unspirited ⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	
world ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎	worldly ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	—
	underworld ⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎⠠⠎	
their ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎	theirs ⠠⠏⠠⠎⠠⠎	—

Exceptions

a. The contraction for "one" may be used whenever "o" and "n" are both in the same syllable, but it should not be used when the "n" begins a new syllable. **Ex:**

oneness	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	money	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
phone	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	monetary	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
honest	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	phonetic	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
pioneer	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	colonel	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
coronet	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	anemone	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

b. Whenever "d," "r," or "n" follows "one" or "here," the contractions for "ed," "er," and "en" should be used in preference to the contractions for "one" and "here." **Ex:**

poisoned	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	prisoner	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
sooner	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	onerous	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
component	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	phoned	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
adherer	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠	adhered	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
coherent	⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠		

c. The contraction for "part" must always be used unless the prefix "par" is followed by any variation of the word "take." **Ex:**

party ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠏⠞⠞ partial ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

impartial ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ partake ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

partaken ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ partaker ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

partakes ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ partaking ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

partook ⠠⠏⠁⠗⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

d. The contraction for "some" should be used only where the letters it represents retain their original sound, and where they form a complete syllable in the base word. **Ex:**

sometimes ⠠⠎⠔⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ handsomer ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

handsomest ⠠⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞ blossomed ⠠⠎⠔⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

gasometer ⠠⠒⠁⠎⠔⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

somersault ⠠⠎⠔⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

chromosome ⠠⠎⠔⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞⠞

