Appendix 1: Shortforms List

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This Appendix provides the Shortforms List and following it, the rules used to determine whether a word may be added to the list. The Shortforms List is maintained by the ICEB Code Maintenance Committee.

Refer to: Section 10.9, Contractions, for the rules on the use of shortforms.

The list

The Shortforms List consists of:

- The 75 shortforms as stated in Section 10.9
- Any word which meets the provisions of Section 10.9.3
- Any word specifically listed in this appendix

Added “s” and apostrophe “s”

An “s” or apostrophe “s” may be added to any word on the list, as per Section 10.9.5 with the following three exceptions:

- abouts
- almosts
- hims

about

- aboutface
- aboutfaced
- aboutfacer
- aboutturn
- aboutturned
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Shortform</th>
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<tr>
<td>eastabout</td>
<td>gadabout</td>
<td>hereabout</td>
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<td>knockabout</td>
<td>layabout</td>
<td>northabout</td>
</tr>
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<td>rightabout</td>
<td>roundabout</td>
<td>roustabout</td>
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<tr>
<td>runabout</td>
<td>southabout</td>
<td>stirabout</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>thereabout</td>
<td>turnabout</td>
<td>walkabout</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>westabout</td>
<td>whereabout</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**above**

- aboveboard
- aboveground
- abovementioned
- hereinabove

**according**

- accordingly
- unaccording
- unaccordingly

**across**

- readacross

**after**

- afterbattle
- afterbirth
- afterbreakfast
- afterburn
- afterburned
- afterburner
- afterburning
- aftercare
- afterclap
- aftercoffee
- afterdamp
- afterdark
- afterdeck
- afterdinner
- afterflow
- aftergame
- afterglow
- afterguard
- afterhatch
- afterhatches
- afterhour
- afterlife
- afterlight
- afterlives
- afterlunch
- afterlunches
- aftermarket
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<th>Shortform</th>
<th>Longform</th>
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<td>aftermath</td>
<td>aftermeeting</td>
<td>aftermentioned</td>
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<td>aftermidnight</td>
<td>aftermost</td>
<td>afterpain</td>
<td>afterparties</td>
<td>afterparty</td>
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<td>afterplay</td>
<td>aftersale</td>
<td>afterschool</td>
<td>aftersensation</td>
<td>aftershave</td>
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<td>aftershow</td>
<td>aftershower</td>
<td>aftersupper</td>
<td>aftertaste</td>
<td>aftertax</td>
</tr>
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<td>afterthought</td>
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<td>afterwork</td>
<td>afterworld</td>
<td>hereafter</td>
<td>hereinafter</td>
</tr>
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<td>therebyafter</td>
<td>thereinafter</td>
<td>whereafter</td>
<td>afternoon</td>
<td>afternoontea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>afterward</td>
<td>again</td>
<td>against</td>
<td>almost</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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already :●:●:
also :●:
although :●:●:
altogether :●:●:
always :●:●:
because :●:●:
before :●:●:
  beforehand beforementioned

behind :●:●:
  behindhand

below :●:●:
  belowdeck belowground belowmentioned

beneath :●:●:
  beneathdeck beneathground

beside :●:●:

between :●:●:
  betweendeck betweentime betweenwhile

beyond :●:●:

blind :●:●:

  Use the shortform for “blind” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.
Other words in which “blind” may be used:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
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<th>Definition</th>
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<td>DeafBlind</td>
<td>deafblindness</td>
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<td>deafblindnesses</td>
<td>purblind</td>
<td>purblindly</td>
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<td>purblindness</td>
<td>purblindnesses</td>
<td>snowblind</td>
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<td>snowblindness</td>
<td></td>
<td>unblindfold</td>
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<tr>
<td>unblindfolded</td>
<td>unblindfolding</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**braille**  
Use the shortform for “braille” wherever it occurs. See Sections 10.9.3 (a) and 10.9.4.

**children**  
Use the shortform for “children” wherever it occurs provided it is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (b) and 10.9.4.

Other word in which “children” may be used:

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<td>children'swear</td>
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</table>
could coulda couldn't
  could've couldst could've
deceive archdeceiver deceived deceiver
  undeceive undeceived undeceiver
deceiving undeceiving
declare declared declarer undeclare
  undeclared
declaring
either
first

Use the shortform for “first” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.

Other words in which “first” may be used:
  feetfirst firstaid firstaider
  headfirst tailfirst
friend

Use the shortform for “friend” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.
Other words in which “friend” may be used:

befriend  boyfriend  defriend

galfriend  gentlemanfriend  gentlemenfriends

girlfriend  guyfriend  ladyfriend

manfriend  menfriends  penfriend

schoolfriend  unfriend  unfriendlier

unfriendliest  unfriendliness  unfriendlinesses

unfriendly  womanfriend  womenfriends

good  📚 📚

Use the shortform for “good” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.

Other words in which “good” may be used:

feelgood  goodafternoon  gooder

goodest  goodevening  goodie

goodish  goodun  goody

goodyear  scattergood  supergood

great  📚 📚 📚

Use the shortform for “great” wherever it occurs. See Sections 10.9.3 (a) and 10.9.4.

herself  📚 📚 📚

him  📚 📚

himbo  himboes

himself  📚 📚 📚
immediate  "IMM":
immediately  immediateness

its  "X":

itself  "X":

letter  "L":
Use the shortform for “letter” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.

Other words in which “letter” may be used:
bloodletter  chainletter  hateletter
lettered  letterer  lettering
letteropener  loveletter  newsletter
reletter  relettered  relettering
unlettered

little  "L":
Use the shortform for “little” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.

Other words in which “little” may be used:
belittle  belittled  belittlement
belittler

much  "X":
forasmuch  inasmuch  insomuch
muchly  muchness  overmuch
must
musta
mustier
mustiness
musty
mustard
mustiest
mustily
mustn't
mustn't've
must've

myself

necessary
unnecessary

neither

oneself

ourselves

paid
highlypaid
overpaid
prepaid
unpaid

lowlypaid
poorlypaid
repaid
unrepaid

wellpaid

perceive
apperateceive
misperceive
perceived
unperceived

apperceived
misperceived
perceiver
unperceive
perceiving perceiving
apperceiving misperceiving unperceiving
perhaps perhapses
quick quick
Use the shortform for “quick” if it begins a word and is not followed by a vowel or “y”. See Sections 10.9.3 (c) and 10.9.4.
Other words in which “quick” may be used:
doublequick quicken quickened
quickener quickening quicker
quickest quickie quickish
quickishly quicky superquick
unquick
receive receive
preceive preceiver received
receiver receivership unreceived
receiving rejece
preceving
rejoice
rejoiced rejoiceful rejoicefully
rejoicefulness rejoicer unrejoice
unrejoiced unrejoiceful unrejoicefully
unrejoicefulness unrejoicer
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rejoicing [rejoicing]
   rejoicingly
   unrejoicing
   unrejoicingly

said [said]
   aforesaid
   foresaid
   gainsaid
   missaid
   saidest
   saidst
   unsaid

should [should]
   shoulda
   shouldest
   shouldn't
   shouldn't've
   shouldst
   should've

such [such]
   nonsuch
   nonsuch
   some
   suchlike

themselves [themselves]

thyself [thyself]

today [today]

together [together]
   togetherness

tomorrow [tomorrow]

tonight [tonight]
would

'twould  'twoulda  'twouldn't
'twouldn't've  'twould've  woulda
wouldest  wouldn't  wouldn't've
wouldst  would've

your

yourself

do-it-yourselfer

yourselves

Rules for list construction

Following a recommendation by an ICEB member braille authority, the Code Maintenance Committee will consider new words to be added to the Shortforms List. The following rules are taken into account when considering the addition of a word.

Shortforms as words

1. The 75 shortforms of Unified English Braille are on the Shortforms List.

Shortforms as parts of longer words

2. When a shortform is part of a longer word, add the longer word to the Shortforms List provided that:

(a) the longer word retains an original meaning and the original spelling of the shortform; and

(b) use of the shortform is not prohibited by rules 3–5 which follow.
Examples:

ahimsa ːhɪmsə  lacrosse ːləˈkrɔsə

drafter ːdraftər  declaration ːdɛkˈleɪʃən

braillist ːbrəˈlɪst  marabout ːˈmərəˈbʌt

mustache ːˈmʌʃə  mustang ːˈmʌstəŋ

muster ːˈmʌstər  rafter ːˈræftər

shoulder ːˈʃərdər

necessarily ːˈnesəsərɪ

3. Do not add a longer word to the Shortforms List if using the
shortform in it would create another word.

Examples:

abouts ːˈbaʊts [not] ːˈbʌts [abdominal muscles]

acrosses ːˈəkrəsəs [not] ːˈəkrəs

againe ːˈəɡeni [not] ːˈəɡeni

almosts ːˈəlməst [not] ːˈəlməst

hims ːhɪms [not] ːˈhɪms [as in ˌHMS Pinafore]

after, blind and friend

4. When the shortform for “after”, “blind” or “friend” is part of a
longer word and is followed by a vowel or a “y”, do not add the
longer word to the Shortforms List.
Examples:

- blinded  `BLID$`  blinding  `BLID+`
- aftereffect  `AFEREFECT`
- afterimage  `AFERIMAGE`
- befriended  `FRIEND`

**be and con shortforms**

5. When any of the shortforms that begin with “be” or “con” are within a longer word, do not add the longer word to the Shortforms List unless the letters the shortform represents begin the longer word.

Examples:

- hereinbefore  `HBE=YE`
- inbetween  `IBETWE5`
- misconceived  `MISCONCEIV$`

**Interior indicators**

6. A word which meets the provisions of Section 10.9.2, Shortforms as part of longer words; and which additionally contains an interior indicator or terminator (other than within the shortform itself) may be considered for special inclusion on the Shortforms List if the word in this format has specific significance.

Example:

- DeafBlind  `D:FB:`