Synopsis #1

Changes in the UEB Code

For basic reading in the LIFE Group

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1. In UEB (Unified English Braille) nine contractions have been eliminated from EBAE (English Braille American Edition).
2. 5 part-word contractions

ally

ation

ble

com

dd

These contractions were eliminated because they could be interpreted in more than one way.

1. 4 additional eliminated contractions

o’clock

to

into

by

The contraction for “o’clock” was eliminated due to capitalization rules in UEB.

The other three contractions were eliminated due to spacing rules in UEB.

1. In UEB words are NEVER joined together. They are written just as in print. Such joining together of contractions like “and,” “the,” “for,” etc. and putting contractions for “to” and “by” in front of a word isn’t done anymore. Note as mentioned above, the contractions for “to” and “by” are totally eliminated.
2. In UEB the “st” contraction is not used for an abbreviation even if followed by a period. This is because it could be misread as “still”. Example: St. Louis could not use the old “st” contraction. You would have to write it as dot 6, the letter “s,” then the letter “t,” then a period.
3. PUNCTUATION
4. The following punctuation marks HAVE NOT changed in UEB

comma

semicolon

colon

period

exclamation point

question mark

apostrophe

opening quotation mark

closing quotation mark

single opening quotation mark

forward slash

hyphen

1. Different punctuation marks in UEB include

ellipsis (dots 2 5 6, 2 5 6, 2 5 6)

bullet (dots 4 5 6, 2 5 6)

single closing quotation mark (dots 6, 3 5 6)

opening parenthesis (dots 5, 1 2 6)

closing parenthesis (dots 5, 3 4 5)

opening square bracket (dots 4 6, 1 2 6)

closing square bracket (dots 4 6, 3 4 5)

dash (dots 6, 3 6)

backslash (dots 4 5 6, 1 6)

underscore (dots 4 6, 3 6)

The closing single quotation mark was changed so that it begins with dot 6 (just as the opening single quotation mark).

1. CAPITALIZATION

Capitalized symbol indicator, letter (dot 6)

Capitalize entire word indicator (dots 6, 6)

Capitalize entire passage indicator (dots 6, 6, 6)

Capitals terminator for passage (dots 6, 3)

A passage is three or more symbols-sequence (words). Capitalized passage mode can only end with the capitals terminator immediately following the passage. Nonalphabetic characters such as punctuation, as well as spaces, line breaks, and paragraph breaks may occur within the capitalized passage.

1. Italics

Symbol for one letter (dots 4 6, 2 3)

Word (dots 4 6, 2)

Passage (dots 4 6, 2 3 5 6)

Terminator for a passage (dots 4 6, 3)

1. Currency Symbols

Dollar (dot 4, s)

Cent (dot 4, c)

Euro (dot 4, e)

Pound sterling (dot 4, l)

Yen (dot 4, y)