

Lesson 7

Lower Wordsigns for *in, enough, be, his, was, were* Lower Groupsigns for *in, en, be, con, dis* Introduction to Shortforms

7.1 Definition of Lower Signs

In addition to the one-cell contractions already studied, there is another group of contractions known as lower signs. Combinations of dots which contain neither dot 1 nor dot 4 form these lower contractions. There are lower wordsigns and lower groupsigns. Following are the lower contractions that will be studied in this lesson.

<u>Contraction</u>	<u>Wordsign</u> <u>Meaning</u>	<u>Contraction</u>	<u>Groupsign</u> <u>Meaning</u>
⋮	in	⋮	in
⋮	enough	⋮	en
⋮	be	⋮	be
⋮	his	⋮	con
⋮	was	⋮	dis
⋮	were		

- Note that the WORDSIGNS *in, enough, and be* are the same as the groupsigns for *in, en, and be*.

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7.7c The words *con* and *dis*. Remember that the contractions for *con* and *dis* are purely groupsigns and therefore cannot be used to represent the whole words *con* (as in the expression *pro and con*), or the slang expression *dis*.

Examples: con, (con)n(ing), conn(ed), dis, (dis)s(ing), diss(ed)

7.8 More on Lower Sign Rule

When two or more lower groupsigns would follow one another without being in contact with an upper dot, the *final* lower groupsign is not used. Example:

Stop bein' so silly! ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

Drill 22

Practice brailleing the following sentences. Use a 1-3 margin.

1. I was disconcerted when I learned that residents of the District of Columbia were denied home rule until the twentieth century.
2. The chairman of the sub-committee on the conduct of wayward youth lost his self-control when the members became disorderly.
3. Credit is given Sir Francis Bacon for having originated the modern scientific method of thinking.
4. Sandy was bewitched, bothered and bewildered; Serena remained undisturbed.
5. Congress debated the issue pro and con for weeks.
6. Maybe we'll send Mary Contrary with you; she's bein' very disobedient.
7. Czech immigrants settled in Wisconsin.
8. Mandy's belligerent attitude is utterly inexplicable/confusing.

10. Virgil's AENEID opens with the flight of the hero from Troy.
11. If he will take daily calisthenics for a few months his physique will be immensely strengthened.
12. A wooden peg used for joining timbers is called a treenail.
13. The renovated home was splendidly decorated in the style of the era.
14. I think the interior of PIANOBar on 5th St. needs a complete redesign — they haven't even repainted it since the 1960s.
15. When Mr. Engles retired he started delivering groceries for shut-ins.
16. Jane absolutely loved the linen suit her Mom sent her from Italy.
17. We felt very sad when the lovely coniferous tree fell down.
18. Benedict Arnold betrayed the United States when he surrendered West Point.
19. His boss said that my brother-in-law, Erin, wasn't responsible for the failure of the company.
20. "Which'll it be, madame, soda or ginger ale?" inquired the bespectacled waiter.
21. Study the following antonyms: in/out, his/hers, content/dismayed, nervous/composed.
22. Apparently the bill was paid, but the matter will be looked into by the agency.
23. Our officers' meeting will be chiefly concerned with considering the new budget.
24. The lines of the pattern are very subtle and indistinct.
25. The denial of freedom of the press is a distinctly totalitarian phenomenon.
26. I find things like trinomials and logarithms a constant enigma.
27. I left the dinghy on the side of the Wisconsin River and continued my journey on foot.
28. "You be good an' come out quick with yer hands up," said the sheriff, "or I'm comin' in and git yuh."
29. As a Naval ex-commander, John Jamison of Jamestown was a firm believer in discipline.
30. Intercontinental flights arrive hourly at Dulles Airport.

31. The auto crash left his hair disheveled and his clothing in disarray.
32. As the strutting cockney orator took his place on the rostrum, he began: "On be'alf of all decent Henglishmen I protest this insolent be'avior of the 'Ouse of Commons!"
33. In a closely-contested race, O'Connor (his twitter handle is @OconnorDFL) was chosen Congressman from the 1st Dist. of Iowa.
34. That was intended as a tribute, not a dis.
35. When she arrived at the studio, she discovered a hastily-scribbled note that said, "CALLED OUT OF TOWN UNEXPECTEDLY; FOR NEXT LESSON PRACTICE MOZART'S CON. NO. 18."
36. If Leslie remains very patient, maybe Mr. Drew will change his mind and write her that letter (with \$50.00 enclosed).
37. By constantly reminding us to "overcome," Martin Luther King gave us hope and pride.
38. His behavior denoted that Adam was continually undismayed at the most unexpected outcome.

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