

# 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 braille 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:*

thereabouts

there-abouts

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