Weekly Dose Review of the “ing”

RULE In UEB the *ing* contraction is used wherever it occurs except at the "beginning of a word," even when two adjoining consonants are pronounced separately.

Note: In UEB, the "beginning of a word" is defined not only as the actual first letters of a word, but also as any letters-sequence that follows a *space, a hyphen or a dash*.

EXAMPLE

m*en*ingitis
bringing
surf-ing and sail-ing

Remember, *composition signs* that occur between a hyphen or a dash and the following letters are ignored when deciding when to use a contraction.

EXAMPLE

laugh-ING

Questions: What is a composition sign anyway?
Answer: Special symbols, called composition signs in the literature, are *symbols that are not found in print*. These symbols have the purpose of helping the braillist to "compose" or change the appearance of other braille cells. The most common of the composition signs are the capitalization signs and the letter signs.

Source: Rules of Unified English Braille