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### LESSON - 25

### CONTRACTIONS

To write shorthand easily, quickly and shortly, a number of methods, such as grammalogues (writing frequently occurring words with a single sign), phraseograms (writing two or more words together without lifting the pen), contractions (writing some frequently occurring words having more than two strokes, by omitting consonants medially or finally) have been adopted. The rules relating to grammalogues and phraseography have been explained previously in the lessons 5 & 6.

A contraction is defined as a shorthand sign containing not less than two strokes, in which one or more of the consonants of the word are not represented (omitted).

Difference between contraction and a grammalogue: A contraction is a shorthand sign containing not less than two strokes and formed by omission one or more strokes in the outline either medially or finally, whereas a grammalogue is a word represented by a single shorthand sign called logogram.

### Omission of Consonants:

- (a) Where 'p' is slightly sounded, it may be omitted, as in,

  \_\_\_\_\_\_ attempt, \_\_\_\_\_\_ prompt, \_\_\_\_\_\_ resumption, \_\_\_\_\_\_ exemption;

  but where the 'p' is clearly sounded, it is retained; as in,

  \_\_\_\_\_\_ trumpeter, \_\_\_\_\_\_ dampish.
- (b) 'k' or 'g' is omitted between 'ng' and 't' or between 'ng' and 'sh'. when a vowel 'oes not occur fter 'k' or 'g'; thus punctual, distinct languish; but when a vowel follows 'k' or 'g', it should be written fully; thus, trinket, blanket;
- (c) The 'k' or 'g' is retained in past tenses; thus, inked, banked, linked.



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(d) Medial $\it 't'$ after circle 's' is omitted in many words and also in
phrases; thus, postmaster, pessimistic,
textbook, mistake, most-important, there-
must-be, your-last-letter.
(e) By employing the first two or three strokes of the full outline
(final omission); thus, peculiar, regular,
performed, unanimity, projected.
(f) By medial omission; thus emergency, appointment,
satisfactory, respectively, executive.
(g) By using logograms, as in, thankful, something,
whenever.
(h) By intersections; as in \( \sumeq enlarge, \) \( \tag{misfortune}, \)
$\nearrow$ nevertheless, $\nearrow$ rate-payers.
(i) Dot -ing may be generally used after contractions; thus, informing, renlarging; but in some cases stroke -ing is used; as in, distinguishing, extinguishing.
(j) Contractions are generally formed by omitting, slightly sounded medial consonant.
(k) Also in some cases, medial consonant, stroke or hook is omitted, or a final syllable is contracted or omitted; as in, messenger, abandonment, demonstrate,

ministry, prospect, respectful, respective,

(I) A prefix or a suffix may be attached to such contractions.

There are five sections (lists) of special contractions given in the Pitman Shorthand Instructor. It may be noted that some of the contractions from the said lists have already been given at the end of some previous lessons, which may be considered part of this lesson. Hence, it is strongly advised to make a list of all the contractions and practise them regularly along with grammalogues.



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### LIST OF CONTRACTIONS

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Practise this list Abandonment		everyday along wi Electricity	th grammalogues Expenditure
Acknowledge	Contentment 📙	Emergency	Expensive
Administrator	Contingency	England (	Extinguish-ed —
Admini- stratrix	Cross- examination	English	Falsification
Advertise-d- ment	Cross- examined	Englishman	Familiarity
Altogether	Danger	Enlargler 7	Familiariza-
Amalgamation	Dangerous	Enlarige 🗸	Familiarize
Anything	Defective )	Enlightenment	February
Appointment 🔀	Deficient -ly-cy	Entertainment	Financial-ly
Arbitrary	Demonstrate	Enthusiastic-	Govern-ed
Arbitrate Arbitrator	Denomination-	Especial-ly	Government
Arbitration	Description	Esquire )	Henceforward
Architect- ure-al	Destruction	Establish-ed- ment	Howsoever
Assignment	Destructive	Everything (	Identical <u>L</u>
Attainment	Destructively	Exchahnge-d	Identification
Bankruptcy	Difficulty	Executive	Immediate
Capable	Discharge-d	Executor	Imperfect-
Certificate •	Distinguish-ed	Executrix	Imperturbable
Character	Efficient-ly-cy	Exigency	_ Incandescence
Characteristic	Elecltrical	Expect-ed	Incandescent 🚼
Circumstantial	Electric	Expediency	Inconsiderate



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Inconvenience -t-ly	Irrespective	Misfortune 🍾	Passenger
Incorporated	- Irrespectively	_ Monstrous	Peculiar-ity
Independence -t-ly	Irresponsible	Mortgage-d	Performance
Indispensable -ly		Neglect-ed	Perform-ed
Individual-ly 🔾	Jurisdiction 4	Negligence —	Performer
Influential-ly 🔾	/ Knowledge	Never	Perpendicular
Inform-ed 📉	Legislative 🌈	Nevertheless	Perspective \
Informer	Legislature //	Nothing	Practicable \
Inspect -ed-ion	Magnetic-ism	Notwith- standing	Practice
Insurance 🔰	Manufacture-d	November \	Practise-d
Intelligence 7	Manufacturer	Object-ed	Prejudice -d-ial-ly
Intelligent-ly 🤟	Manuscript	Objection	Preliminary
Intelligible-ly	Mathematical 7	Objectionable	Probable
Interest	Mathe -matician	Objective	Production
Introduction	Mathematics 7	Obstruction	Productive
Investigation	Maximum	Obstructive 🕌	Proficient
Investment	Mechanical-ly	Oneself	-ly-cy Project-ed
Ironmonger	Messenger	Organization	Proportio nate-ly
Irrecoverable -ly	Metropolitan	Organize-d	Proportion -ed
Irregular \	Minimum	Organizer \	Prospect
Irremovable -ly	Ministry	Parliamentary	`



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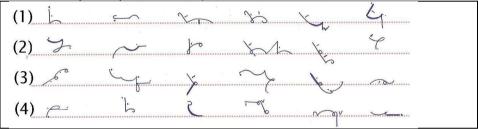
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### **EXERCISE - 28**

Write outlines for the following words, verify them with the 'key', and practise them at least three lines each.

1)	pumped	promptitude	prompter	assumptive	consumption	extinct
2)	sanction	winked	tasteful	postoffice	punctuality	adjustment
3)	listless	drastic	bestway	wastepipe	conjunction	mostly
4)	westward	blastfurnace	passenger	demonstrate	there must be	instalment

Decipher the following outlines and write correct words/phrases, verify them with the 'key' and practise them, at least three lines each.



Write the following passages in shorthand in your shorthand notebook, verify them with 'key' and practise the scripts, as many times as you can.

(1) A brief observation or inspection is sufficient to show anyone, irrespective of-his professional standing, that productive and non-productive wages I respectively require special treatment from-the efficient bookkeeper. Only an inefficient accountant, deficient in-the organization of financial affairs, and imperfect or defective in-his knowledge of-commercial-matters, could make-the mistake of-supposing that-it-would-be sufficient in every-circumstance to-regard both-classes of expense as of-the same description. No controversial discussion can-be held on-the point, which-is beyond controversy.

Generalization in-the preservation of accounts may-be termed unconstitutional, from-the point-of-view of anyone who-has organized or knows how to organize a set of accounts, whether relating to passenger traffic or any other business. Such genera-lization would denote inefficiency

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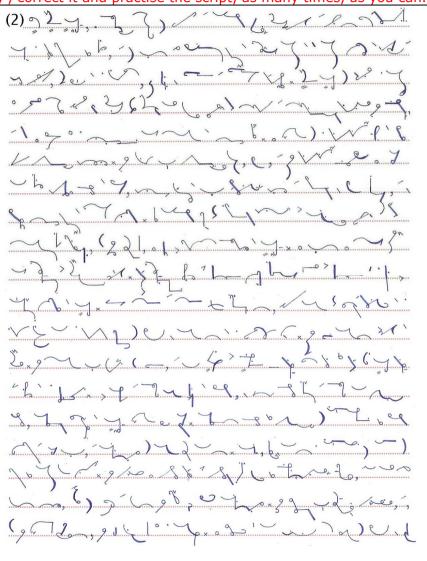
in-the book-keeper, and would-be prejudicial to-the interests of-his firm. It-would-be destructive of accuracy, and-it-might result in substantial loss and-the consequent indignation of-the management or executive, who-would naturally be indignant at a deficiency in-their profits brought about by-the insufficient knowledge of anyone under their jurisdiction or subjection. Imagine their large prospective dividend reduced to an insignificant or unsubstantial amount, and you-will understand-the signification of-such a mistake as I-have mentioned. I-fear they-would cross-examine-the inefficient book-keeper on-his inefficiency, and when-they had cross-examined him sufficiently, the result of-the cross-examination would probably be that-the executive would exercise their prerogative, and without prejudice to-his personal-character, would dismiss him for-his want of proficiency.

He-might plead abstraction on-his-own part, or obstruction on-the part of another as a reason for-the insufficiency of circumstantial detail inhis book-keeping; but this-would-not cover-the imperfection of-his knowledge of-the construction of accounts. The chartered accountant musthave undergone an examination, both subjective and objective, in-the theory of accounts. After-his credentials have-been inspected, he-must inscribe a form of adhesion to-the constitution of-the association, and when this-is inscribed, the inscription is taken as binding upon him. He-must-be a constitutional member and must never behave in an unconstitu-tional way. He-must act constitutionally himself and must restrain others from acting unconstitutionally, or so-as-to-lead to-the degeneration of-the association. He need-know-nothing about perspective or-the doctrines of transubstantiation, regeneration, jurisprudence, or-the transmission of energy; but he-must-be proficient in accounts; must-know how to-draw up a deficiency account, explain-the insufficiency of-the debtor's funds, and how there-might have-been a sufficiency instead-of an insufficiency. His assistants must work efficiently, too. He-must check anyone whose work is inefficiently done, who-is insubordinate himself, or whose conduct leads to insubordination in others. The apparent insignificance of obstructive tactics must-not deceive him, and-if-he- can transcribe shorthand and make an accurate transcription on-the writing machine so-much-the better. (500)



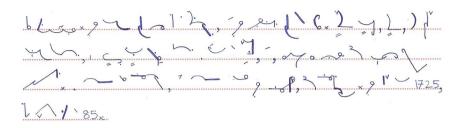
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Transcribe and write the following script into longhand, verify with 'key', correct it and practise the script, as many times, as you can.





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