








## DC Lexicon of Dickens's most frequent shorthand symbols

Below are some of the most useful (because most frequent) words in the English language and the accompanying symbol in Dickens's shorthand script. All of the images are shown in Dickens's script and they sometimes deviate from the official symbols and rules of the system that he learned: Thomas Gurney's [Brachygraphy](#).

This table is a work in progress – let us know how it's working for you and any ideas that you have for how it could be improved by contacting Dr Claire Wood ([claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk)) and Professor Hugo Bowles ([hugo.bowles@unifg.it](mailto:hugo.bowles@unifg.it)).










Word	Symbol	Words/letters with same symbol	Notes
a, an		and, of, the	a dot on the line
about		around	
all			
am		letter <m> him	
and		a, an, of, the	a dot on the line
are		letter <r>	
as		letter <a>, letter <s> is, his	

<b>at</b>		letter <t> it	a vertical line
<b>be</b>		letter <b>	
<b>been</b>		letter <p> believe, people	
<b>but</b>		letter <b> be	
<b>by</b>			symbol for <b> + dot
<b>can</b>			symbols for <c> + <n>
<b>come</b>		came	symbols for <c> + <m>
<b>could</b>			
<b>day</b>			symbol for <d> +dot (upper)
<b>did</b>		letter <d>	
<b>do</b>			symbol for <d> +dot (lower)
<b>down</b>			dot under the previous word
<b>first</b>			symbols for <f>+<r>+<s><t> no vowel space
<b>for</b>		fair	symbols for <f>+<r> no vowel space

<b>from</b>			large backwards C
<b>had</b>			
<b>has</b>			two diagonal lines symbols <h> + <s>
<b>have</b>			
<b>he</b>		letter <e>	
<b>her</b>			
<b>him</b>		letter <m> am	
<b>his</b>		letter <a>, letter <s> as, is	
<b>how</b>		letter <o>	
<b>I</b>		letter <a>, letter <s> as, is, his	usually a shortened version of symbol for <s>, as, his, is, so
<b>if</b>		letter <f>	
<b>in</b>		letter <n> on, one, own	
<b>into</b>			symbols for <n>+<t>+dot
<b>is</b>		letter <a>, letter <s> as, his	
<b>it</b>		letter <t> at	
<b>its</b>			symbol for <t>+<s>

<b>long</b>		letter <n>	lengthened version of symbol for <n>
<b>made</b>			symbol for <m>+<d> second symbol should be diagonal
<b>make</b>			symbol for <m>+<c/k> vowel space
<b>many</b>			symbol for <m>+<n>+dot
<b>may</b>		me, my	symbol for <m>+dot
<b>me</b>		may, my	
<b>more</b>			
<b>my</b>		may, me	symbol for <m>+dot
<b>no</b>			symbol for <n>+dot
<b>not</b>			symbol for <n>+<t>
<b>now</b>			symbol for <n>+<w>
<b>number</b>			symbol for <n>+<m>+<b>+<r>
<b>of</b>		a, an, and, the	dot on the line
<b>on</b>		letter <n> in, one, own	
<b>one</b>		Letter <n< in, on, own	
<b>or</b>			symbol for <o>+<r>
<b>other</b>			symbol for <o>+<th>+<r>
<b>people</b>		letter <p>	

		been , believe	
<b>said</b>			symbol for <s>+<d>
<b>see</b>		letter <c/k>	
<b>she</b>		letters <sh> shall	
<b>so</b>			symbol for <s>+dot (lower)
<b>than</b>			symbol for <th>+<n>
<b>that</b>		letters <d>, <th>, <thed>	a shorter version of symbol for letter <d>
<b>the</b>		a, an, and, of	dot on the line
<b>their</b>		there	symbol for <th>+<r>
<b>them</b>			symbol for <th>+<m>
<b>there</b>		their	symbol for <th>+<r>
<b>they</b>	(dot)		
<b>this</b>			symbol for <th>+<s>
<b>time</b>			
<b>to</b>			symbol for <t>+dot (lower)
<b>two</b>			Roman numeral
<b>up</b>			
<b>was</b>			symbol for <w>+<s>
<b>way</b>		we	symbol for <w>+dot (upper)
<b>we</b>		way	symbol for <w>+dot (upper)

<b>were</b>			symbol for <w>+<r>
<b>what</b>		letter <b> be, but	
<b>when</b>			symbol for <w>+<t>
<b>which</b>			
<b>who</b>		way, we	symbol for <w>+dot
<b>will</b>			symbol for <w>+<l>
<b>with</b>			
<b>would</b>			symbol for <w>+<d>
<b>you</b>		letter <u>	
<b>your</b>	