As shown on page 5 of the textbook, special characters such as \$, {, ~, and % are produced with a preceding backslash. Another way to produce these characters is to use the  $\ensuremath{\mbox{verb\#stuff\#}}$  command, which typesets "stuff verbatim (including spaces and special characters) in a typewriter font. The beginning and ending # delimiters can be replaced with other non-letter characters such as ^, \, 4, or !.