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`global.`   A *global* definition is effective until the end of the document or until it is overridden by another definition, even when it occurs within a group. Thus a global definition is unaffected by group boundaries. You can make any definition global by prefixing it with the `\global` command (p. '`\global`') unless `\globaldefs` (p. '`\globaldefs`') is negative.

There's a special way of making a macro definition global. Normally you define a macro using either the `\def` command or the `\edef` command (p. '`\edef`'). If you use `\gdef` or `\xdef` instead of `\def` and `\edef` respectively, the macro definition will be global. That is, '`\gdef`' is equivalent to '`\global\def`' and '`\xdef`' is equivalent to '`\global\edef`'.