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\pausing $[\langle number \rangle \text{ parameter }]$

If this parameter is greater than zero, TEX will pause at each line of input to give you an opportunity to replace it with a different line. If you type in a replacement, TEX will use that line instead of the original one; if you respond with $\langle \text{return} \rangle$, TEX will use the original line.

Setting \pausing to 1 can be useful as a way of patching a document as TEX is processing it. For example, you can use this facility to insert \show commands (see below).