hyphenation. TEX automatically hyphenates words as it is processing your document. TEX is not eager to insert hyphens, preferring instead to find good line breaks by adjusting the spacing between words and moving words from one line to another. TEX is clever enough to understand hyphens that are already in words.

You can control T_EX's hyphenation in several ways:

- You can tell TEX to allow a hyphen in a particular place by inserting a discretionary hyphen with the \- command (p. '\@minus').
- You can tell TEX how to hyphenate particular words throughout your document with the \hyphenation command (p. 'hyphenation').
- You can enclose a word in an hbox, thus preventing TeX from hyphenating it.
- You can set the value of penalties such as \hyphenpenalty (p. '\hyphenpenalty').

If a word contains an explicit or discretionary hyphen, TeX will never break it elsewhere.