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\AA Scandinavian letter Å \aa Scandinavian letter å

∖AE Æ ligature

\ae æ ligature

\L Polish letter Ł

\1 Polish letter ł

\o Danish/Norwegian letter ø

\OE Œ ligature

\oe œ ligature

\ss German letter β

These commands produce various letters and ligatures from European alphabets. They are useful for occasional words and phrases in these languages—but if you need to typeset a large amount of text in a European language, you should probably be using a version of TEX adapted to that language.¹

You'll need a space after these commands when you use them within a word, so that TEX will treat the following letters as part of the word rather than as part of the command. You needn't be in math mode to use these commands.

Example:

{\it les \oe vres de Moli\'ere} produces:

les œvres de Molière

 $^{^{1}\,\}mathrm{The}$ TeX Users Group (p.'resources') can provide you with information about European language versions of TeX.