

☞ `\smallskip`  
`\medskip`  
`\bigskip`

These commands produce successively larger amounts of vertical space:

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| $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$<br>$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ | $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$<br>$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ | $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$<br>$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ |
| <code>smallskip</code>                                         | <code>medskip</code>                                           | <code>bigskip</code>                                           |

`\smallskip` skips by 3 points and can stretch or shrink by 1 point. `\medskip` is equivalent to two `\smallskip`s and `\bigskip` is equivalent to two `\medskip`s.

These commands end a paragraph since they are inherently vertical. The skips that they produce are in addition to the normal interparagraph skip.

*Example:*

Hop `\smallskip` skip `\medskip` and `\bigskip` jump.

*produces:*

Hop

skip

and

jump.