

`\unhbox` *⟨register⟩*

`\unvbox` *⟨register⟩*

These commands produce the list contained in box register *⟨register⟩* and make that box register void. `\unhbox` applies to box registers containing hboxes and `\unvbox` applies to box registers containing vboxes. You should use these commands in preference to `\unhcopy` and `\unvcopy` (see below) when you don't care about what's in the box register after you've used it, so as not to exhaust T<sub>E</sub>X's memory by filling it with obsolete boxes.

*Example:*

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\setbox0=\hbox{The Mock Turtle sighed deeply, and
drew the back of one flapper across his eyes. }
\setbox1=\hbox{He tried to speak, but sobs choked
               his voice. }
\unhbox0 \unhbox1
% \box0 \box1 would set two hboxes side by side
% (and produce a badly overfull line).
\box1 % produces nothing
```

*produces:*

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