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`\read` ⟨*number*⟩ `to` ⟨*control sequence*⟩

This command tells TEX to read a line from the file associated with the input stream designated by ⟨*number*⟩ and assign the tokens on that line to ⟨*control sequence*⟩. The control sequence then becomes a parameterless macro. No macro expansion takes place during the reading operation. If the line contains any unmatched left braces, TEX will read additional lines until the braces are all matched. If TEX reaches the end of the file without matching all the braces, it will complain.

If ⟨*number*⟩ is greater than 15 or hasn't been associated with a file using `\openin`, TEX prompts you with '⟨*control sequence*⟩ `=`' on your terminal and waits for you to type a line of input. It then assigns the input line to ⟨*control sequence*⟩. If ⟨*number*⟩ is less than zero, it reads a line of input from your terminal but omits the prompt.

Example:

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\read\auxfile to \holder
% Expanding \holder will produce the line just read.
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