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These commands produce different forms of insertions that instruct (or allow) T_{EX} to relocate the $\langle vertical \ mode \ material \rangle$:

- \topinsert attempts to put the material at the top of the current page. If it won't fit there, \topinsert will move the material to the next available top of page.
- \midinsert attempts to put the material at the current position. If it won't fit there, \midinsert will move the material to the next available top of page.
- \pageinsert puts the material by itself on the next page. To avoid an underfull page, be sure to end the inserted material with \vfil or fill out the excess space some other way.

The $\langle vertical \ mode \ material \rangle$ is said to be "floating" because TEX can move it from one place to another. Insertions are very useful for material such as figures and tables because you can position such material where you want it without knowing where the page breaks will fall.

Each of these commands implicitly ends the current paragraph, so you should use them only between paragraphs. You should not use them within a box or within another insertion. If you have several insertions competing for the same space, TeX will retain their relative order.

Example:

\pageinsert

% This text will appear on the following page, by itself. This page is reserved for a picture of the Queen of Hearts sharing a plate of oysters with the Walrus and the Carpenter.

\endinsert