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`\parshape` n $i_1 l_1$ $i_2 l_2$ $\ldots$ $i_n l_n$

This command specifies the shape of the first n lines of a paragraph—
the next paragraph if you're in vertical mode and the current paragraph
if you're in horizontal mode. The i's and l's are all dimensions. The
first line is indented by i_1 and has length l_1, the second line is indented
by i_2 and has length l_2, and so forth. If the paragraph has more than
n lines, the last indentation/length pair is used for the extra lines. To
achieve special effects such as the one shown here, you usually have to
experiment a lot, insert kerns here and there, and choose your words
to fit the shape.

`\parshape`, like `\hangafter` and `\hangindent`, is effective only for one
paragraph. If you specify `\hangafter` and `\hangindent` as well as `\par-`
`shape`, T_EX ignores the `\hangafter` and `\hangindent`.

By the way, the following example saves and restores `\fontdimen` val-
ues explicitly, using temporary registers, since `\fontdimen` changes are
always global (see p. '`\fontdimen`').

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Example:

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% A small font and close interline spacing make this work
\smallskip\font\sixrm=cmr6 \sixrm \baselineskip=7pt
\dimen0=\fontdimen3\font \dimen2=\fontdimen4\font
\fontdimen3\font=1.8pt \fontdimen4\font=.9pt
\noindent \hfuzz=.1pt
\parshape 30 0pt 120pt 1pt 118pt 2pt 116pt 4pt 112pt 6pt
108pt 9pt 102pt 12pt 96pt 15pt 90pt 19pt 84pt 23pt 77pt
27pt 68pt 30.5pt 60pt 35pt 52pt 39pt 45pt 43pt 36pt 48pt
27pt 51.5pt 21pt 53pt 16.75pt 53pt 16.75pt 53pt 16.75pt 53pt
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critical, but  the climate of the Bordeaux region varies
greatly from year to year. Some vintages are not as good as
others, so these years ought to be s\kern -.1pt p\kern -.1pt
e\kern -.1pt c\hfil ially n\kern .1pt o\kern .1pt
t\kern .1pt e\kern .1pt d\hfil: 1962, 1964, 1966.  1958,
1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1966 are also good California
vintages. Good luck finding them!
\fontdimen3\font=\dimen0 \fontdimen4\font=\dimen2
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