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\string $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$

This command produces the characters that form the name of $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$, including the escape character. The escape character is represented by the current value of $\backslash escapechar$. TEX gives the characters in the list a category code of 12 (other).

You can perform the reverse operation with the \csname command (p. '\csname'), which turns a string into a control sequence.

Example:

the control sequence {\tt \string\bigbreak} produces:

the control sequence \bigbreak