

`\begingroup`

`\endgroup`

These two commands begin and end a group. A `\begingroup` does not match up with a right brace, nor an `\endgroup` with a left brace.

T<sub>E</sub>X treats `\begingroup` and `\endgroup` like any other control sequence when it's scanning its input. In particular, you can define a macro that contains a `\begingroup` but not an `\endgroup`, and conversely. This technique is often useful when you're defining paired macros, one of which establishes an environment and the other of which terminates that environment. You can't, however, use `\begingroup` and `\endgroup` as substitutes for braces other than the ones that surround a group.

*Example:*

```
\def\one \begingroup \it two }
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\def\enda{\endgroup four}
```

```
\a three \enda
```

*produces:*

One *two three* four