

1 smash

A test sentence.

A smash

Another test sentence.

A second smash at the start and in the middle of a paragraph.

2 phantom

A test sentence.

Another test sentence.

at the start and

of a paragraph.

3 hphantom

A test sentence.

Another test sentence.

at the start and

of a paragraph.

4 vphantom

A test sentence.

Another test sentence.

at the start and of a paragraph.

5 big(

A test sentence.

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Another test sentence.

(A big (at the start and) in the middle of a paragraph.

And $(a) \neq (a)$ in math.

And also $x)$

6 thinspace

A test sentence.

Another test sentence.

A few at the start and in the middle of a paragraph.

7 negthinspace

A test sentence.

Another test sentence.

A few at the start and in the middle of a paragraph.

8 enspace and the like

A test sentence.

Another test sentence.

A few at the start and in the middle of a paragraph.

Now the same with a quad:

Another test sentence.

A few at the start and in the middle of a paragraph.