The **clipboard** package∗

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### Introduction

The **clipboard** package provides a basic framework for copying and pasting text and commands across multiple documents.

\newclipboard {⟨basename⟩}
\openclipboard {⟨basename⟩}
\Copy {⟨key⟩} {⟨content⟩}
\Paste {⟨key⟩}

### 1 Usage

\newclipboard The first step is to create a clipboard.
\newclipboard {⟨basename⟩}

\Copy The command \Copy copies a ⟨content⟩ identified as ⟨key⟩ to the clipboard. ¹
\Copy {⟨key⟩} {⟨content⟩}

\Paste And the command \Paste pastes the content identified by ⟨key⟩ into the same or another document. See below.
\Paste {⟨key⟩}

\openclipboard Finally, \openclipboard makes the same content available across multiple documents. For instance, you can paste content from doc1.tex into doc2.tex. Make sure to use the same ⟨basename⟩ in both documents.
\openclipboard {⟨basename⟩}

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∗This document corresponds to **clipboard** 0.2, dated January 18, 2013.
¹Lowercase \copy is already defined in \TeX. 

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2 Example

This is how to copy and paste text from book.tex into article.tex:

book.tex:

\documentclass{book}
\usepackage{clipboard}
\newclipboard{myclipboard}
\begin{document}
  \Copy{dolorem ipsum}{Nor again is there anyone who loves or pursues or desires to obtain pain of itself, because it is pain, but occasionally circumstances occur in which toil and pain can procure him some great pleasure.}
\end{document}

article.tex:

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{clipboard}
\openclipboard{myclipboard}
\begin{document}
  According to Cicero,
  \begin{quote}
    \Paste{dolorem ipsum}
  \end{quote}
\end{document}

Note: Because content from book.tex is being copied and pasted into article.tex, you must run latex book.tex before running latex article.tex.