

Library: Truncation and Wildcard Symbols

SOURCE	TRUNCATION	WILDCARD			PHRASE	PROXIMITY	Other Notes
		Stands in for 0 or 1 characters	Stands in for 0 or more characters	Stands in for exactly 1 character			
OVID databases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medline • Embase • EBM reviews (incl. Cochrane) • HaPI • AGRICOLA • FSTA 	<p>* or \$ or :</p> <p>Example: disease\$ Child* Balance:</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Example: flavo?r</p>		<p>#</p> <p>Example: wom#n</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No quotation marks needed for phrase searching • Stop words will be removed 	<p>adj/n</p> <p>(adj=adjacent and "n" is the number of words)</p> <p>Example: seat adj5 wheelchair</p>	
<p>PubMed</p>	<p>*</p>				<p>“XXX”</p> <p>Phrase searching prevents subject mapping</p>		
EBSCOHOST databases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Search Premier • Cinahl • Communication and Mass Media Complete • Mental Measurement Yearbook (Buros) • PsycInfo • SPORTDiscus 	<p>*</p> <p>Example: disease* Child* Balance*</p>	<p>#</p> <p>Example: flavor#r</p>	<p>*</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Example: wom?n</p>	<p>“XXX”</p>	<p>N/n or W/n</p> <p>(N= Near, W= within and "n" is the number of words)</p>	