# Database: Truncation and Wildcard Symbols

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| **OVID databases** | * or $ or : | ? | No quotation marks needed for phrase searching | adj
| Medline | | | | (adj=adjacent in either direction)
| Embase | | | | "n" is the number of words)
| EBM reviews (incl. Cochrane) | | | Example: | seat* adj5 wheelchair = 5 words between wheelchair and seat or seating etc.
| HaPI | | | | AGRICOLA
| FSTA | | | | FSTA
| **PUBMED** | * | "xxx" | Phrase searching stops mapping to MeSH | Not available
| PubMed | | | | **EBSCOHOST databases**
| Academic Search Complete | * | "xxx" | | Nn or Wn
| CINAHL | | | (N= Near either direction, W= Within – same order)
| Communication and Mass Media Complete | | | | "n" = the number of words)
| Mental Measurement Yearbook | | | Examples: | seat* n5 wheelchair = 5 words between wheelchair and seat or seating etc.
| PsycInfo | | | | Seat* w5 wheelchair = seat or seating etc. is 5 words before wheelchair.
| SPORTDiscus | | | |**Examples:**
| | disease* = diseases, diseased | | |
| | Child* = children, childbirth | | |
| | Balance* = balance, balances, balanced | | |