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Wildcards

Wildcards allow you to use parts of words to find matches.

- A wildcard is used to leave out a letter in the word. A question mark (?) is usually used. The computer will fill in letter(s) to make new words.

Let's practice using wildcards.

Type the words below adding question marks (?) in the word to see other words with different beginnings and middles. Type each word into the **Dictionary search box** to find the number of entries.

Use <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary.htm> (Merriam Webster Dictionary Online) for your search.

List two of the words you found for each wildcard word you typed.

Word	Type the wildcard:	1st Word	2nd Word
• bear	• ?ear		
• coat	• c??t		
• hat	• h?t		
• move	• m??e		
• night	• ?ight		
• wide	• wi?e		