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Truncation

Truncation allows you to use parts of words to find matches.

- Truncation "cuts off" the end of a word to find other words with different endings. The key to use for truncation is the asterisk (*) and sometimes a question mark (?) will work.

Let's practice using truncation.

Type the first four letters of each word in the list, followed by an asterisk (*), to see how many other words you can find with the same beginning.

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

Type each truncated word into the **Dictionary search box** to find the number of entries.

Word	TYPE the truncation:	Number of entries
• children	• child*	
• computer	• comp*	
• cookie	• cook*	
• football	• foot*	
• parenthood	• parent*	
• yellow	• yell*	