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### Part 3 of 5: **Fuzzy Searching Options in Google**

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“Fuzzy Searching” is a helpful tool in computing that lets you find approximate matches to the search you enter. There are two tools that you will find especially useful:

1. The **ASTERISK (\*)** for wild cards
2. The **TILDE** or “wavy mark” (**~**) for synonyms

#### **ASTERISK (\*)**

Here is an *asterisk* or *wild card search* for material on “attention deficit hyperactivity disorder”

attention deficit \* disorder

Sometimes the disorder is just called “attention deficit disorder”, and sometimes it is called “attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.” I want BOTH, so I put the *asterisk* or *wildcard indicator* HERE so that I get BOTH in my results.

#### **TILDE (~)**

The *tilde* is used differently to find *synonyms* for whatever word you’re typing in.

THIS is the *tilde* mark, the little squiggly line.

If I type in,

~facts

I get material that includes *information* or *statistics* or just the word *facts*, or any other synonymous term meaning “facts.”

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