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wild card

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Definition of WILD CARD

- 1 :
an unknown or unpredictable factor
- 2 :
one picked to fill a leftover playoff or tournament berth after regularly qualifying competitors have been determined
- 3 *usually* wildcard  \ 'wī(-ə)l(d)-, kɑrd\
:
a symbol (such as ? or *) used in a keyword database search to represent the presence of zero, one, or more than one unspecified characters

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Examples of WILD CARD in a Sentence

The joker is a *wild card*.

Taxes are the *wild card* in this election.

The team made it into the play-offs as the *wild card*.

Origin and Etymology of WILD CARD

wild card, playing card with arbitrarily determined value



WILD CARD Defined for English Language Learners

wild card

noun

Definition of WILD CARD for English Language Learners

- :
- a playing card that can represent any other card in a game
- :
- a person or thing that could affect a situation in a way that cannot be predicted
- :
- an unknown or unpredictable factor
- sports*
- :
- a player or team chosen to fill a place in a competition after the regularly qualified players or teams have been decided

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