



COLLAPSING FACTOR LABELS AND EXCLUDING BRACKETS

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This extension is about **using factor labels to unify many “different-looking” factors into one.**

- **Collapse factor labels:** define one or more search terms, and any factor label that matches is **rewritten to a single shared label** (a “bucket”). This is a quick way to treat near-synonyms and variants as one concept (e.g. *money / income / salary*).s
- **Exclude text in brackets** is really the same idea: it’s just a fixed rule for rewriting labels. For example *Education (primary school)* becomes *Education*, so all bracketed variants collapse onto the same base label.

Like the other transform filters, this is a **temporary rewrite** used for analysis and presentation; it doesn’t change your underlying coding.

In the current app, these text matches are case-insensitive (case doesn’t matter).

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All the corresponding factors are collapsed into one factor which is now labelled with the search term.

Multiple search terms, combining results

You can put more than one search term, like this:



Multiple search terms with separate results

Or if you want to keep the results separate:



The factors which match the filter are shown with a thicker purple border.

Multiple search terms with OR and separate results

The previous strategy won't work if you want to search for Food OR Diet on the one hand and Income OR money on the other, and to keep these two separate. So you can literally use **OR** instead. Make sure to put a space on each side.



As these searches are case-sensitive, this trick can be useful to capture both Health and health.



Excluding brackets (same idea, fixed rule)

If you often code specific labels like **Education (primary school)** and **Education (secondary school)**, excluding bracket text is just a convenient way to collapse them both to **Education** without having to maintain a list of search terms.