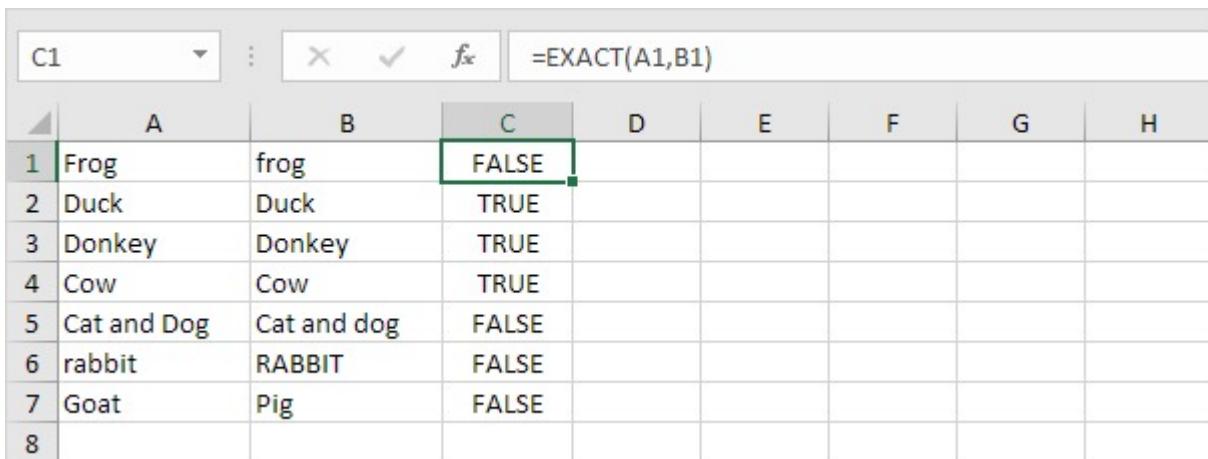


# Compare Text in Excel

This example shows two ways to compare text strings in Excel. One is case-sensitive and one is case-insensitive.

1. Use the EXACT function (case-sensitive).



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with three columns: A, B, and C. Column A contains words in various cases (Frog, Duck, Donkey, Cow, Cat and Dog, rabbit, Goat). Column B contains the same words in different cases (frog, Duck, Donkey, Cow, Cat and dog, RABBIT, Pig). Column C contains the results of the EXACT function applied to each pair of cells in A and B. The results are: FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, and FALSE. The formula bar at the top shows =EXACT(A1,B1) and the active cell is C1.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Frog	frog	FALSE					
2	Duck	Duck	TRUE					
3	Donkey	Donkey	TRUE					
4	Cow	Cow	TRUE					
5	Cat and Dog	Cat and dog	FALSE					
6	rabbit	RABBIT	FALSE					
7	Goat	Pig	FALSE					
8								

Explanation: the string "Frog" in cell A1 and the string "frog" in cell B1 are not exactly equal to each other (first letter in uppercase and first letter in lowercase).

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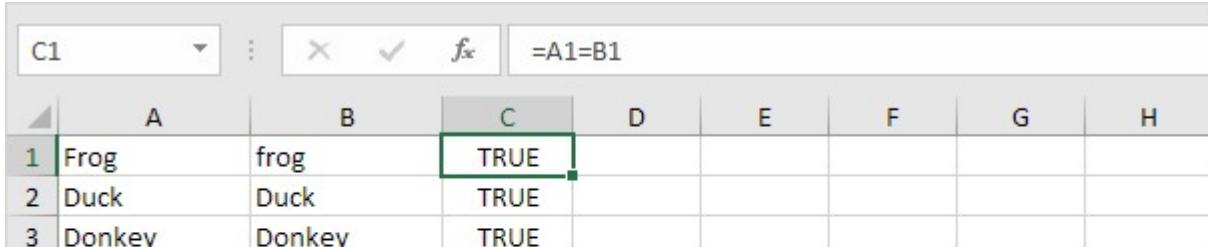
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2. Use the formula =A1=B1 (case-insensitive).



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with three columns: A, B, and C. Column A contains words in various cases (Frog, Duck, Donkey). Column B contains the same words in different cases (frog, Duck, Donkey). Column C contains the results of the formula =A1=B1 applied to each pair of cells in A and B. The results are: TRUE, TRUE, and TRUE. The formula bar at the top shows =A1=B1 and the active cell is C1.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Frog	frog	TRUE					
2	Duck	Duck	TRUE					
3	Donkey	Donkey	TRUE					

4	Cow	Cow	TRUE
5	Cat and Dog	Cat and dog	TRUE
6	rabbit	RABBIT	TRUE
7	Goat	Pig	FALSE
8			

Explanation: this formula ignores lowercase and uppercase differences. As a result, the first six formulas return TRUE.

3. Add the [IF function](#) to replace TRUE and FALSE with a word or message. The formula below uses the EXACT function (see step 1).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Frog	frog	No					
2	Duck	Duck	Yes					
3	Donkey	Donkey	Yes					
4	Cow	Cow	Yes					
5	Cat and Dog	Cat and dog	No					
6	rabbit	RABBIT	No					
7	Goat	Pig	No					
8								

4. Do you want to compare two or more columns by highlighting the differences in each row? Visit our page about [Row Differences](#).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	683	683	683						
2	522	523	522						
3	705	705	705						
4	723	725	725						
5	134	134	134						
6	855	855	855						
7	591	591	589						
8	847	847	847						
9	ABC	ABC	ABC						
10	518	518	518						
11	664	662	664						
12	197	197	197						
13	432	432	432						
14	DEF	DEF	DEG						
15	303	303	303						
16									

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