

1a. Use the COUNTIF function and the asterisk symbol (\*) to count cells with text.

A7    ✕    ✓    fx    =COUNTIF(A1:A5,"*")										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	100									
2	golf									
3	baseball									
4										
5	tennis									
6										
7	3									
8										

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1b. You can also create an array formula to count cells with text.

Figure 10-10: An array formula that counts the number of text entries in a range of cells.

7	3								
8									

Note: visit our page about [array formulas](#) to learn more about single cell array formulas.

1c. You can also use the SUMPRODUCT function to count cells with text.

A7									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100								
2	golf								
3	baseball								
4									
5	tennis								
6									
7	3								
8									

Note: visit our page about the [SUMPRODUCT function](#) to learn more about this function.

2a. Numbers, Booleans (TRUE or FALSE), blanks and errors are not counted as text.

A7									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100								
2	golf								
3	TRUE								
4									
5	#DIV/0!								
6									
7	1								
8									

2b. The formula below counts cells with text and counts cells with Booleans.

A7									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100								
2	golf								
3	TRUE								
4									
5	#DIV/0!								
6									
7	2								
8									

3a. Enter a space into cell A4. The COUNTIF function at step 1a and step 2a also counts cells with a space character.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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A7									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100								
2	golf								
3	baseball								
4									
5	tennis								
6									
7	4								
8									

3b. The COUNTIFS function below counts cells with text and excludes cells with a space character.

A7									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	100								
2	golf								
3	baseball								
4									
5	tennis								
6									
7	3								
8									

Note: the COUNTIFS function in Excel counts cells based on two or more criteria.

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