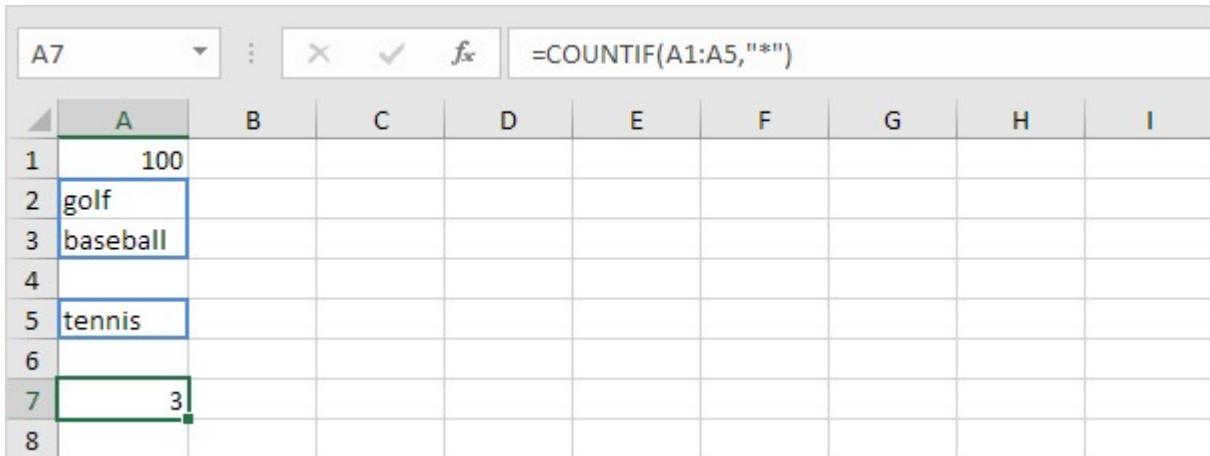


Count Cells with Text in Excel

This page illustrates multiple ways to count cells with text in Excel. Visit our page about the [COUNTIF function](#) to count cells that contain specific text.

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



A screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. The formula bar shows =COUNTIF(A1:A5,"*"). The spreadsheet has columns A through I and rows 1 through 8. Row 1 contains the value 100 in cell A1. Rows 2, 3, and 5 contain the text "golf", "baseball", and "tennis" respectively, in cells A2, A3, and A5. Row 7 contains the value 3 in cell A7. The cells containing text are highlighted with blue selection bars.

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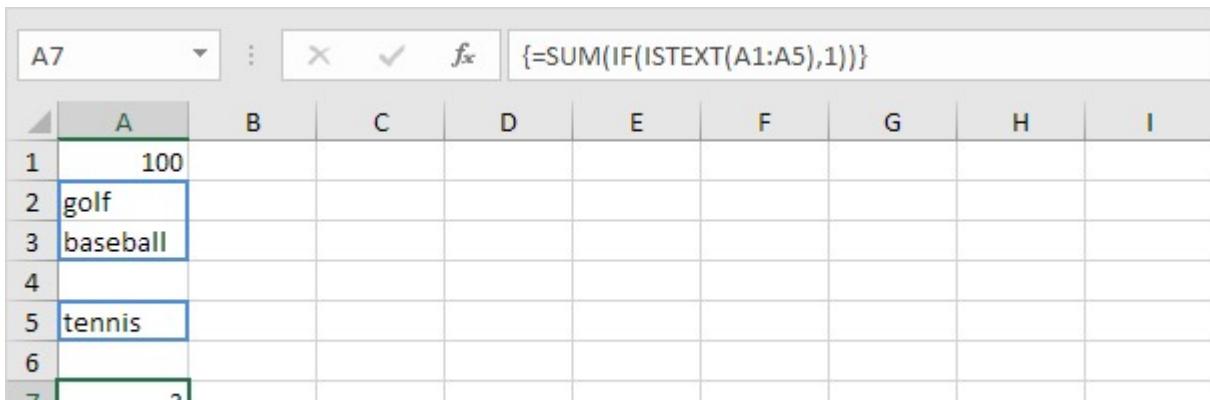
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- 1b. You can also create an array formula to count cells with text.



A screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. The formula bar shows =SUM(IF(ISTEXT(A1:A5),1)). The spreadsheet has columns A through I and rows 1 through 8. Row 1 contains the value 100 in cell A1. Rows 2, 3, and 5 contain the text "golf", "baseball", and "tennis" respectively, in cells A2, A3, and A5. Row 7 contains the value 3 in cell A7. The cells containing text are highlighted with blue selection bars.

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

7	5							
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	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	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	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
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.

	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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