=XLOOKUP(lookup\_value, lookup\_array, return\_array)

 **lookup\_value** → The value you want to find.

 **lookup\_array** → Where to look for it.

 **return\_array** → From where to get the matching result.

If you have a newer Excel version, skip VLOOKUP entirely — XLOOKUP is cleaner, less error-prone, and more flexible. VLOOKUP only makes sense if you’re stuck on old Excel or sharing with people who are.