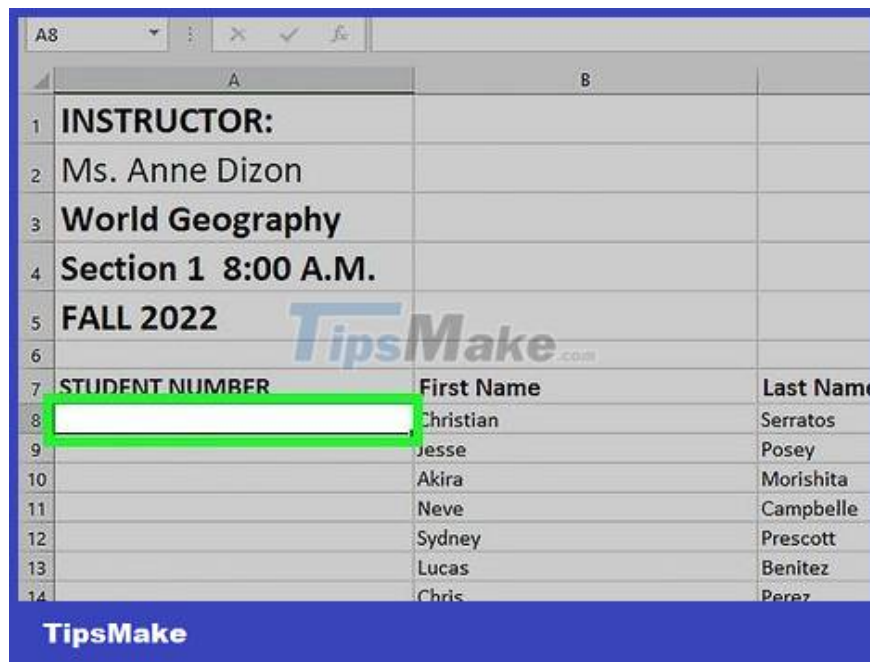


How to Add Numbers Automatically in Excel

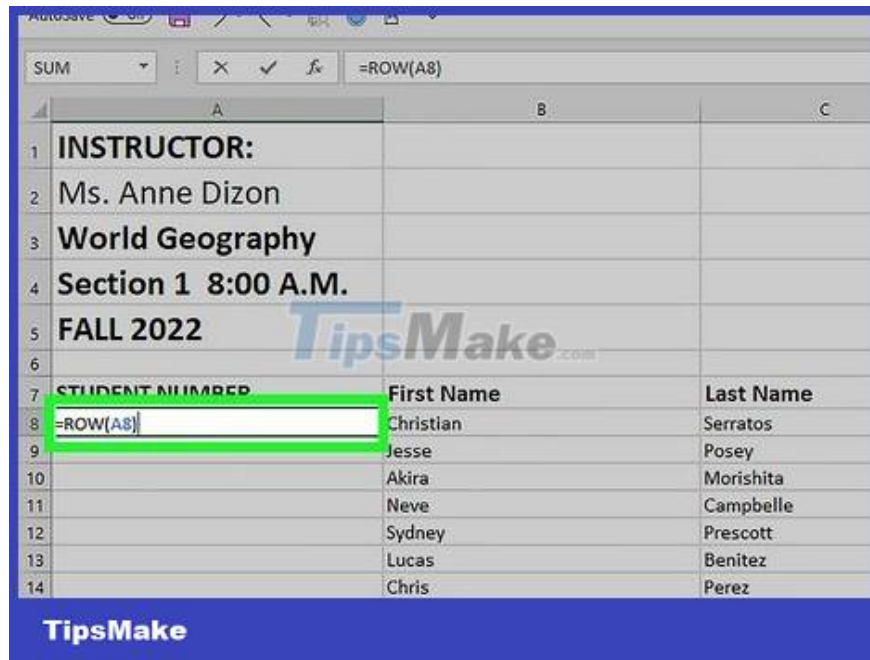
There are two different ways to add numbers to a column automatically. The surest way to add automatic number ranges to Excel is to use the ROW function. This method will ensure that cells display the correct numbering even when rows are added or deleted. The second way (without typing the formula) is to use the Fill feature, this method is easier but when you delete the line the number range will be missing. Let's learn how to automatically number rows, or enter consecutive numbers in columns.

Automatic line numbering



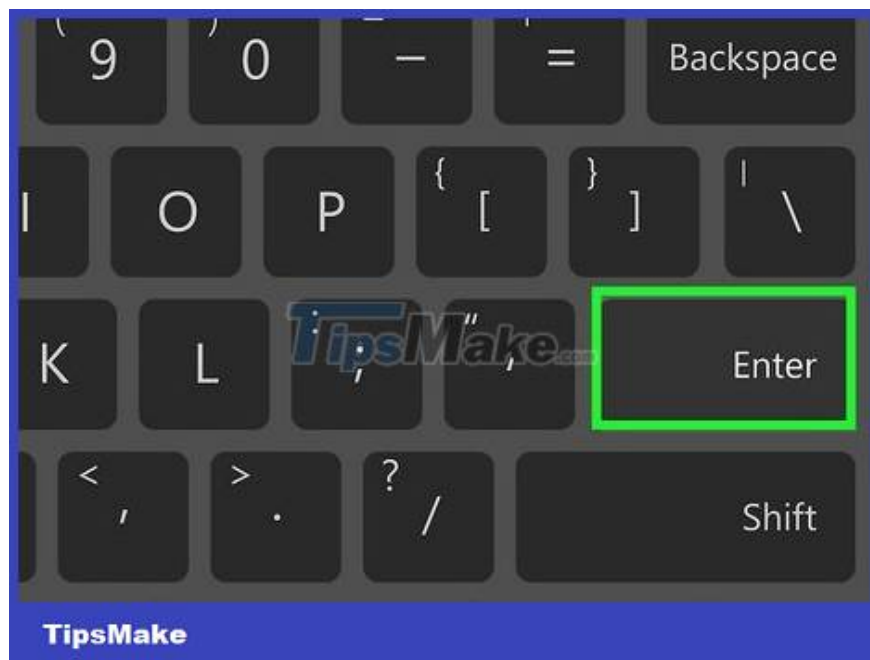
Click on the first cell where the number sequence will begin. This method instructs how to have each cell in the column display the corresponding row number. You should use this method if rows are frequently added or deleted from the spreadsheet.

To create a basic row of consecutive numbers (or other data like day of the week or month of the year), see [How to Fill a Column with Consecutive Numbers](#) .



Type **=ROW(A1)** into cell (if this is cell A1). If it is another cell, you need to replace it accordingly.

For example, if you are entering cell B5, type **=ROW(B5)**.



Press ? Enter. The cell line number will appear. If you entered **=ROW(A1)**, cell A1 displays the number 1. If you enter **=ROW(B5)**, cell B5 will display the number 5.

To start from 1 at any line where you want to start the number range, count the number of lines above the current cell, then subtract the result in the function.

For example, if you enter **=ROW(B5)** and want to display the number 1 in this cell, change the function to **=ROW(B5) - 4**, because B4 counts back 4 lines as B1.

4	Section 1 8:00 A.M.	
5	FALL 2022	
6		
7	STUDENT NUMBER	First Name
8	8	Christian
9		Jesse
10		Akira
11		Neve
12		Sydney
13		Lucas
14		Chris
15		Colton

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Select the cell containing the first number in the number range.

4	Section 1 8:00 A.M.	
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7	STUDENT NUMBER	First Name
8	8	Christian
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Move the mouse pointer to the frame located in the lower right corner of the selected cell. This quarter note is called the Fill Handle. The mouse pointer will turn into a scissors icon when located directly above the Fill Handle.

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7	STUDENT NUMBER	First Name
8	8	Christian
9	9	Jesse
10	10	Akira
11	11	Neve
12	12	Sydney
13	13	Lucas
14	14	Chris
15	15	Colton
16	16	Hayley
17	17	Hynn
18	18	Jonathan
19	19	Michael
20	20	Cotty
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Drag the Fill Handle down to the last cell in the range. Each cell in the column will display the corresponding row number.

If you delete a line in this range, the cell number will automatically be corrected based on the new line number.

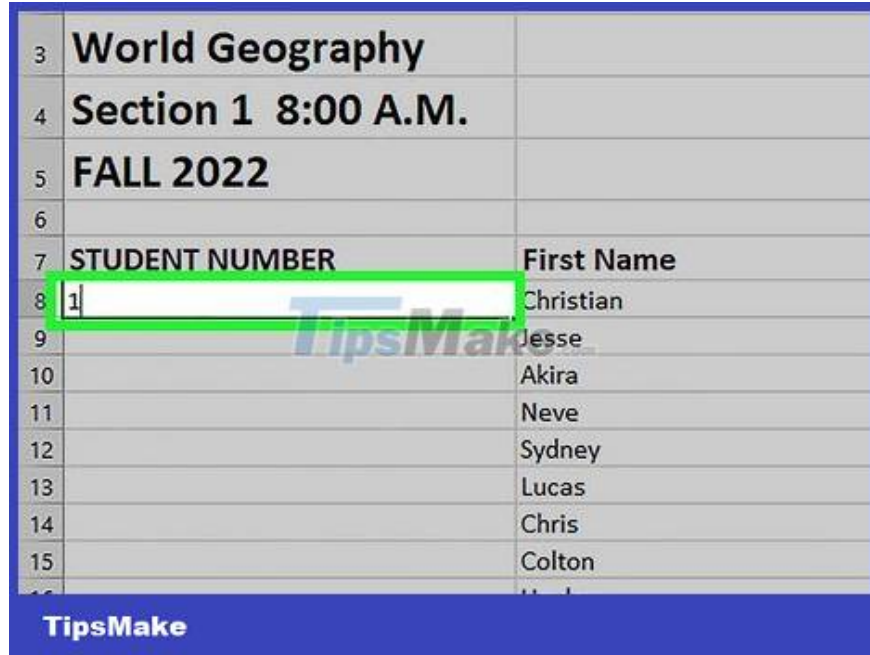
Fill in consecutive numbers in the column

A8		
	A	B
1	INSTRUCTOR:	
2	Ms. Anne Dizon	
3	World Geography	
4	Section 1 8:00 A.M.	
5	FALL 2022	
6		
7	STUDENT NUMBER	First Name
8		Christian
9		Jesse
10		Akira
11		Neve
12		Sydney
13		Lucas
14		Chris

Click on the first cell where the number sequence will begin. This method will show you how to add consecutive numbers to cells in a column.

If you use this method but then delete a row, you will need to go through the steps again to renumber the entire column. If you think you will change data lines frequently, you should apply the Automatic Line Numbering

method above.



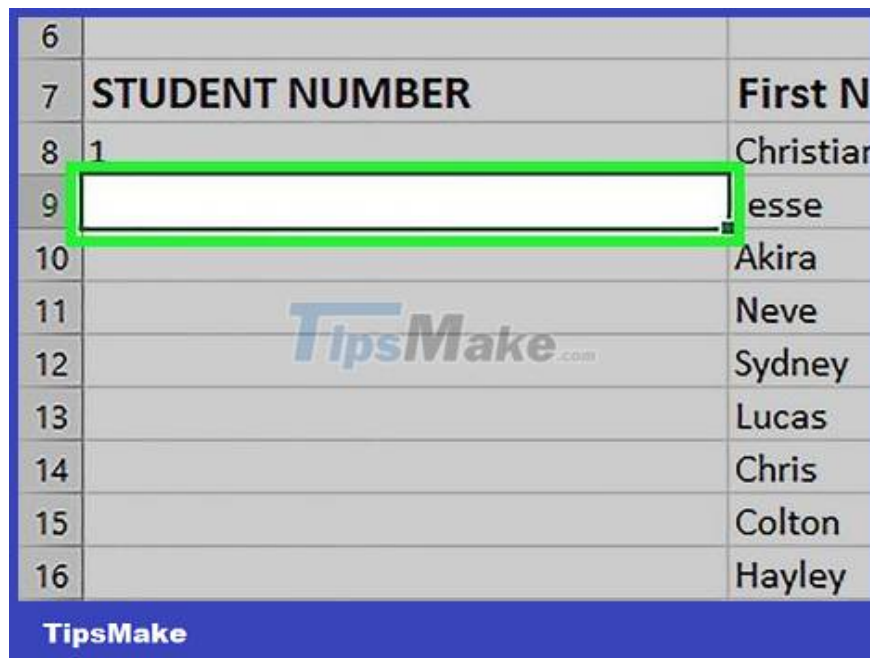
3	World Geography	
4	Section 1 8:00 A.M.	
5	FALL 2022	
6		
7	STUDENT NUMBER	First Name
8	1	Christian
9		Jesse
10		Akira
11		Neve
12		Sydney
13		Lucas
14		Chris
15		Colton

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Enter the first number in the sequence into a cell. For example, if you number from top to bottom in a column, type it 1 in the first cell.

You don't have to start at 1. Your sequence can start at any number, and can even be formatted differently (such as even numbers, multiples of 5, etc.).

Excel also supports other types of 'numbering', including dates, seasons and days of the week. For example, when you fill in the days of the week in a column, the first cell will display 'Monday'.



6		
7	STUDENT NUMBER	First N
8	1	Christiar
9		esse
10		Akira
11		Neve
12		Sydney
13		Lucas
14		Chris
15		Colton
16		Hayley

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Click the next cell in the template. This is the cell directly below the current cell.

3	World Geography	
4	Section 1 8:00 A.M.	
5	FALL 2022	
6		
7	STUDENT NUMBER	First Name
8	1	Christian
9	2	esse
10		Akira
11		Neve
12		Sydney
13		Lucas
14		Chris
15		Colton
16		Hayley
17		Lhynn
18		Jonathan
19		Michael

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Enter the second number of the sequence to create the pattern. To number consecutively (like 1, 2, 3, etc.), enter 2 here.

If you want the next numbers to be 10, 20, 30, 40, etc., then the next two numbers in the sequence you need to enter are 10 and 20.

If you are entering by day of the week, type the next day of the week in the box.

6		
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8	1	Christian
9	2	esse
10	3	Akira
11		Neve
12		Sydney
13		Lucas
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17		Lhynn
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Click and drag to select all cells. When you release the mouse, the cells you just entered will be highlighted.

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10	3	Akira
11	4	Neve
12	5	Sydney
13	6	Lucas
14	7	Chris
15	8	Colton
16	9	Hayley
17	10	Lhynn
18	11	Jonathan
19	12	Michael
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Click and drag the Fill Handle down to the last cell in the number range. After you release the mouse, the cells in the column will be numbered according to the pattern you established in the first two cells.

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