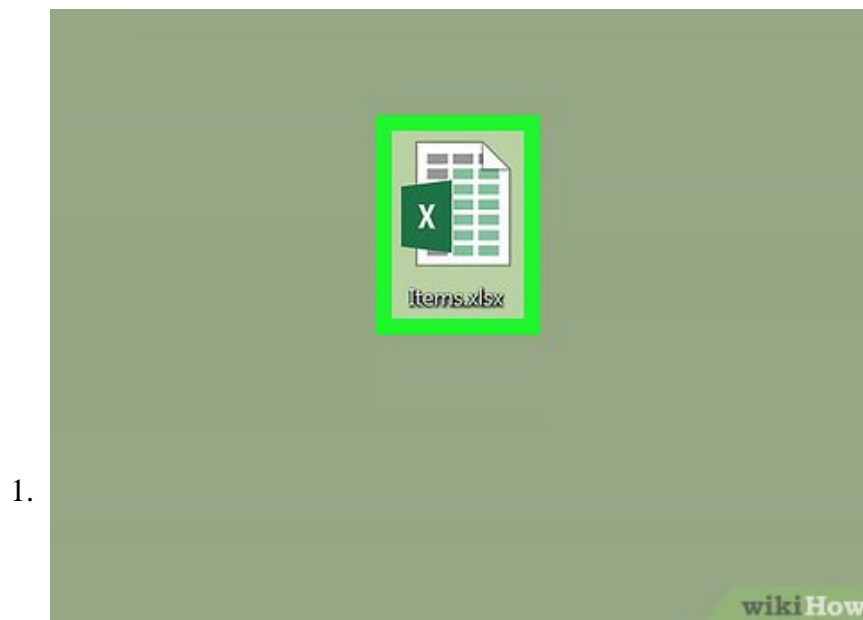


How to Count Characters in Excel on PC or Mac

This wikiHow teaches you how to find the number of characters in a cell or group of cells using Microsoft Excel. Open the spreadsheet that contains the characters you want to count.

Method 1 of 2:

Counting Characters in One Cell



Open the spreadsheet that contains the characters you want to count.

C	D	E	F	G	H
Sold	Value				
5	10				
5	10				
10	15				
18	20				
15	30				
31	60				
3	15				
4	18				

2.

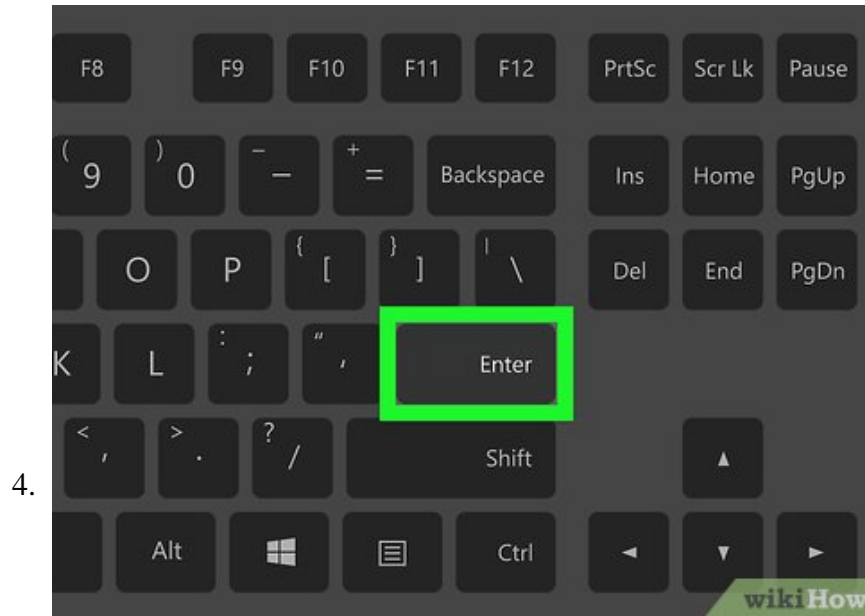
Click an empty cell. This is the cell where the number of characters will appear.

D	E	F	G	H
Value				
10				
10				
15				
20				
30		=LEN(C4)		
60				
15				
18				

3.

Type =LEN(cell name) . Replace 'cell name' with name of the cell you want to count.

1. For example, if you want to count the characters in cell C4, the formula should say **=LEN(C4)**



Press **Enter** or **Return**. The number of characters in the cell now replaces the formula.

Method 2 of 2:

Counting Characters in Multiple Cells



Open the spreadsheet that contains the characters you want to count.

C	D	E	F	G	H
Sold	Value				
5	10				
5	10				
10	15				
18	20				
15	30				
31	60				
3	15				
4	18				

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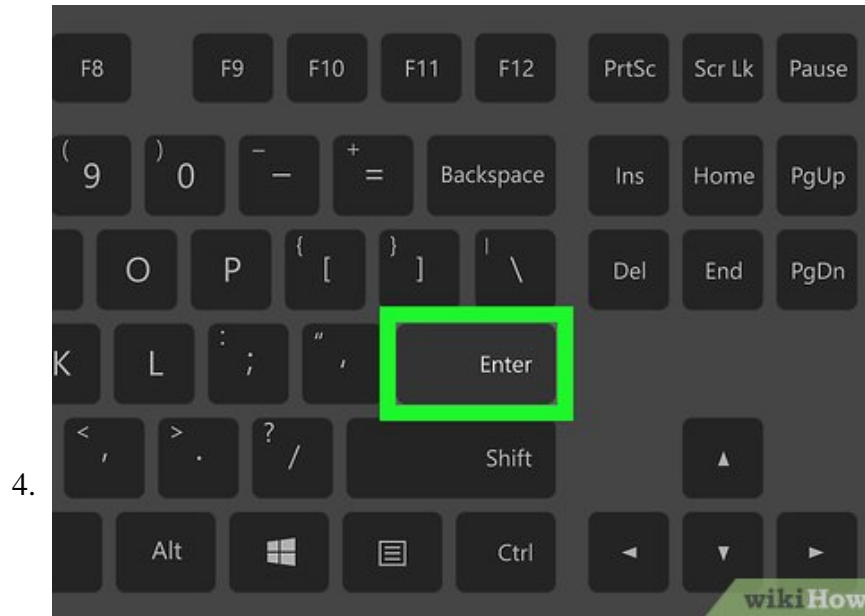
Click an empty cell. This is the cell where the number of characters will appear.

D	E	F	G	H	I
Value					
10					
10					
15					
20					
30					
60					
15					
18					

3.

Type `=SUMPRODUCT(LEN(Cell1:Cell2))` . Replace 'Cell1' with first cell in the range you want to count, and 'Cell2' with the last in the range.

1. For example, if you want to count the characters in cells C2 through C51, the formula should say `=SUMPRODUCT(LEN(C2:C51))`



Press Enter or Return. The number of characters in the specified range now appears in the cell.

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