

Instructions on how to count words in cells in Excel

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In the following article, Network Administrator will show you **how to use these functions to count words and characters in Excel cells** .



1a. Using the **TRIM function** to remove whitespace, whitespace starts and the ending space has been removed.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	how are you?	how are you?						
2								
3								

1b. For the length of the string to have a normal space, we combine the **LEN** and **TRIM** functions.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	how are you?	12						
2								
3								

2 a. Using the **SUBSTITUTE** function replaces the current text with new text in a text string. We use the **SUBSTITUTE** function so that the string has no spaces.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	how are you?	howareyou?						
2								
3								

2b. Let the length of the string have no spaces, combine **LEN** functions and **SUBSTITUTE** functions.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	how are you?	10						
2								
3								

3. Now comes the simpler tricks. To count the number of words, we subtract the length of the string with no spaces (10) from the length of the string with normal space (12) and 1 more.

To get the number of words, we subtract the length of the string without space (10) from the length of the string with normal space (12) and add 1.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	how are you?	3						
2								
3								

Refer to some of the following articles:

- 1. Fix error of Copy Paste command not working in Word, Excel (2007, 2010)
- 1. This is a simple way to find and delete Hyperlink in Excel
- 1. Instructions for inserting a PDF file into Excel spreadsheet

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