

# How to Split Text in Excel (The Opposite of Concatenate)

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The opposite of Concatenate in Excel is the Split function. While Concatenate combines multiple cells or strings into one, Split separates a single cell or string into multiple cells based on a specified delimiter. Both functions are useful in manipulating data in Excel, but serve different purposes. Therefore, it is possible to use the opposite of Concatenate, which is Split, in Excel.

## Excel: Use the Opposite of Concatenate

**You can use the CONCATENATE function in Excel to join text from multiple cells into a single cell.**

**The opposite of this function is the TEXTSPLIT function, which can be used to split the text in one cell into multiple cells based on a specific delimiter.**

**For example, you can use the following formula to split the text in cell C2 into multiple cells based on where spaces occur in the cell:**

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=TEXTSPLIT(C2, " ")
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**The following example shows how to use this formula in practice.**

### **Example: How to Use the Opposite of Concatenate in Excel**

**Suppose we have the following list of cities and team names for various basketball teams:**

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>City</b>	<b>Team</b>			
2	Dallas	Mavericks			
3	Houston	Rockets			
4	Utah	Jazz			
5	Miami	Heat			
6	Orlando	Magic			
7	Boston	Celtics			
8	Cleveland	Cavs			
9	Memphis	Grizzlies			
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We could type the following formula into cell C2 to concatenate together the city and team name into one cell:

**=CONCATENATE(A2," ",B2)**

We could then click and drag this formula down to each remaining cell in column C:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>City</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>CONCATENATE</b>		
2	Dallas	Mavericks	Dallas Mavericks		
3	Houston	Rockets	Houston Rockets		
4	Utah	Jazz	Utah Jazz		
5	Miami	Heat	Miami Heat		
6	Orlando	Magic	Orlando Magic		
7	Boston	Celtics	Boston Celtics		
8	Cleveland	Cavs	Cleveland Cavs		
9	Memphis	Grizzlies	Memphis Grizzlies		
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Now if we would like to perform the opposite of concatenate, then we could type the following formula into cell D2 to split the text of each cell in column C into multiple cells based on spaces:

**=TEXTSPLIT(C2, " ")**

We could then click and drag this formula down to each remaining cell in column D:

D2    *fx* =TEXTSPLIT(C2, " ")

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>City</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>CONCATENATE</b>	<b>TEXTSPLIT</b>		
2	Dallas	Mavericks	Dallas Mavericks	Dallas	Mavericks	
3	Houston	Rockets	Houston Rockets	Houston	Rockets	
4	Utah	Jazz	Utah Jazz	Utah	Jazz	
5	Miami	Heat	Miami Heat	Miami	Heat	
6	Orlando	Magic	Orlando Magic	Orlando	Magic	
7	Boston	Celtics	Boston Celtics	Boston	Celtics	
8	Cleveland	Cavs	Cleveland Cavs	Cleveland	Cavs	
9	Memphis	Grizzlies	Memphis Grizzlies	Memphis	Grizzlies	
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The **TEXTSPLIT** function splits the text of each cell in column C into multiple cells based on where the space occurs.

**Note #1:** In this example there was only one space in each cell in column C, but the **TEXTSPLIT** function can work with any number of spaces in a given cell.

**Note #2:** You can find the complete documentation for the **TEXTSPLIT** function in Excel .

The following tutorials explain how to perform other

## common operations in Excel:

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