

# “Can you show me how to escape quotes in Google Sheets, and provide an example?”

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This is a request for assistance in learning how to properly escape quotes in Google Sheets, along with a request for an example to better understand the concept. Escaping quotes refers to the process of inserting a special character before a quotation mark in order to indicate that it is part of the text and not the end of a cell value. This allows for accurate data entry and manipulation in Google Sheets. An example of proper quote escaping in Google Sheets would greatly aid in understanding and properly utilizing this feature.

## Escape Quotes in Google Sheets (With Example)

There are two ways to escape quotes in formulas in Google Sheets:

### Method 1: Wrap Quotes Around Quotes

```
=CONCATENATE("""",A2,"""")
```

### Method 2: Use CHAR(34)

```
=CONCATENATE(CHAR(34),A2,CHAR(34))
```

Both of these formulas will wrap the string in cell A2 in double quotes.

**Note:** The function CHAR(34) corresponds to double quotes in the current Unicode table.

The following examples show how to use each method in practice with the following list of strings in Google

## Sheets:

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>String</b>			
2	Hello there everyone			
3	Hey what is going on			
4	How is everybody doing			
5	Hi how are you			
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### Example 1: Wrap Quotes Around Quotes

We can type the following formula into cell B2 to wrap the string in cell A2 in double quotes:

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

We can then drag and fill this formula down to each remaining cell in column B:

B2    fx    =CONCATENATE("''",A2,"''")

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>String</b>	<b>String with Quotes</b>		
2	Hello there everyone	"Hello there everyone"		
3	Hey what is going on	"Hey what is going on"		
4	How is everybody doing	"How is everybody doing"		
5	Hi how are you	"Hi how are you"		
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Notice that each cell in column B contains the corresponding cell in column A with double quotes wrapped around it.

### Example 2: Use CHAR(34)

We can type the following formula into cell B2 to wrap the string in cell A2 in double quotes:

**=CONCATENATE(CHAR(34),A2,CHAR(34))**

We can then drag and fill this formula down to each remaining cell in column B:

B2		=CONCATENATE(CHAR(34),A2,CHAR(34))	
	A	B	C
1	<b>String</b>	<b>String with Quotes</b>	
2	Hello there everyone	"Hello there everyone"	
3	Hey what is going on	"Hey what is going on"	
4	How is everybody doing	"How is everybody doing"	
5	Hi how are you	"Hi how are you"	
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Notice that each cell in column B contains the corresponding cell in column A with double quotes wrapped around it.

Note that the function CHAR(34) corresponds to double quotes in the current Unicode table.

Thus, this formula concatenates one double quote at

**the beginning of the string in column A, then concatenates another double quote at the end of the string.**

**Note: You can find the complete documentation for the CHAR function in Google Sheets .**

**The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Google Sheets:**

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