

How can I convert between month names and numbers in Google Sheets?

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Google Sheets is a powerful spreadsheet software that allows users to organize, analyze, and manipulate data. One of its useful features is the ability to convert between month names and numbers. This means that users can easily switch from displaying the name of a month (e.g. January) to its corresponding number (e.g. 1) and vice versa. To do so, users can use the built-in functions provided by Google Sheets or create their own custom formulas. This feature is particularly helpful for keeping track of dates and performing calculations involving months. With its user-friendly interface and versatile functions, Google Sheets makes it simple and efficient to convert between month names and numbers.

Convert Between Month Name & Number in Google Sheets

You can use the following formulas to convert between month names and numbers in Google Sheets:

Method 1: Convert Month Number to Month Name

#convert month number in cell A1 to full month name
=TEXT(A1*29,"mmmm")

#convert month number in cell A1 to abbreviated month name
=TEXT(A1*29, "mmm")

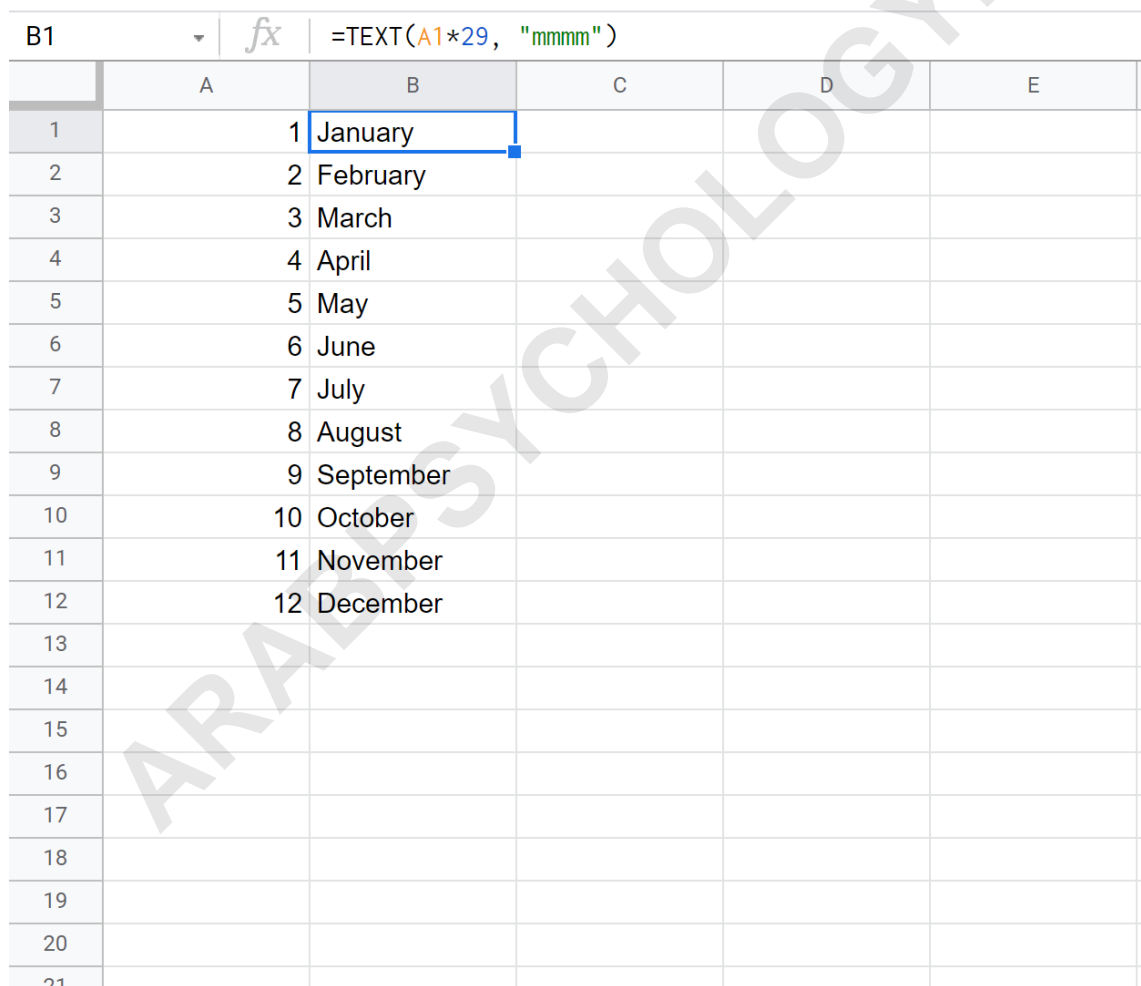
Method 2: Convert Month Name to Month Number

#convert month name in cell A1 to month number
=MONTH(A1&1)

The following examples show how to use these formulas in practice.

Example 1: Convert Month Number to Month Name in Google Sheets

The following screenshot shows how to use the TEXT() function to convert month numbers (from 1 to 12) to month names (from January to December):



The screenshot shows a Google Sheet with a formula bar at the top displaying `=TEXT(A1*29, "mmm")`. The spreadsheet grid below has columns A through E and rows 1 through 21. Column A contains numbers 1 through 12, and column B contains the corresponding month names: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December. The cell B1 is highlighted with a blue border, and a blue cursor is visible at the bottom right of the cell.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	1	January			
2	2	February			
3	3	March			
4	4	April			
5	5	May			
6	6	June			
7	7	July			
8	8	August			
9	9	September			
10	10	October			
11	11	November			
12	12	December			
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Note that we can also use the "mmm" format to convert the month number to the abbreviated month name:

C1 fx =TEXT(A1*29, "mmm")

	A	B	C	D	E
1		1 January	Jan		
2		2 February	Feb		
3		3 March	Mar		
4		4 April	Apr		
5		5 May	May		
6		6 June	Jun		
7		7 July	Jul		
8		8 August	Aug		
9		9 September	Sep		
10		10 October	Oct		
11		11 November	Nov		
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Example 2: Convert Month Name to Month Number in Google Sheets

The following screenshot shows how to use the **MONTH()** function to convert month names (from January to December) to month numbers (from 1 to 12):

	A	B	C	D	E
B1		<code>=MONTH(A1&1)</code>			
1	January	1			
2	February	2			
3	March	3			
4	April	4			
5	May	5			
6	June	6			
7	July	7			
8	August	8			
9	September	9			
10	October	10			
11	November	11			
12	December	12			
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Note that this function will work on abbreviated month names as well:

B1 fx =MONTH(A1&1)

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Jan	1			
2	Feb	2			
3	Mar	3			
4	Apr	4			
5	May	5			
6	Jun	6			
7	Jul	7			
8	Aug	8			
9	Sep	9			
10	Oct	10			
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