

How can I count repeated words in Excel?

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Counting repeated words in Excel can be easily achieved by using the COUNTIF function. This function allows you to specify a range of cells and a criteria, and it will return the number of cells within that range that meet the specified criteria. To count repeated words, you can use the COUNTIF function to search for a specific word within a range of cells and then repeat the process for each word you want to count. This will give you an accurate count of how many times each word appears in the given range. Additionally, you can also use the PivotTable feature in Excel to quickly summarize and count repeated words in a larger dataset. By using these methods, you can efficiently and accurately count repeated words in Excel.

Count Repeated Words in Excel (With Example)

Often you may want to count the number of times a word repeats in a column in Excel.

For example, suppose you have the following list of basketball team names and you'd like to count the number of repeated names:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Team					
2	Mavs					
3	Celtics					
4	Mavs					
5	Mavs					
6	Lakers					
7	Celtics					
8	Hawks					
9	Kings					
10	Lakers					
11	Lakers					
12						
13						
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The following examples show how to perform the following calculations:

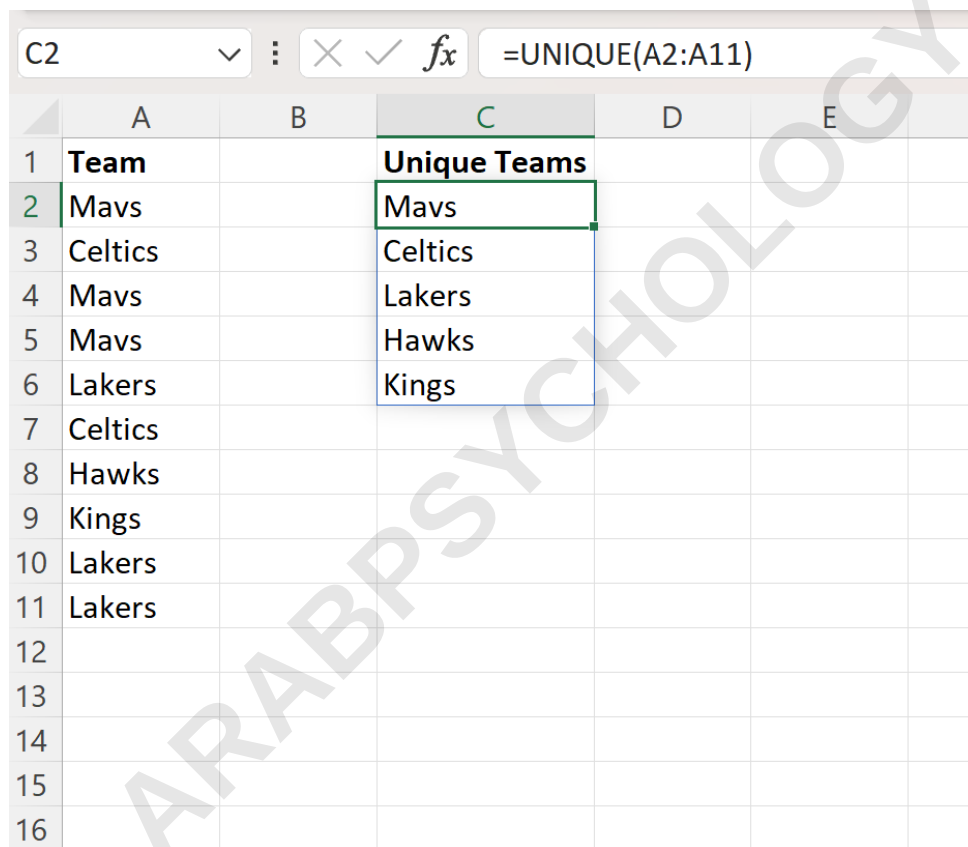
1. Count number of times that each unique team name repeats
2. Count total repeated team names (including 1st occurrence)
3. Count total repeated team names (not including 1st occurrence)

Let's jump in!

Example 1: Count Number of Times Each Word Repeats

To count the number of times that each unique team name repeats, we can first type the following formula into cell C2 to get a list of unique team names:

=UNIQUE(A2:A11)



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Team		Unique Teams		
2	Mavs		Mavs		
3	Celtics		Celtics		
4	Mavs		Lakers		
5	Mavs		Hawks		
6	Lakers		Kings		
7	Celtics				
8	Hawks				
9	Kings				
10	Lakers				
11	Lakers				
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15					
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The formula bar at the top shows the formula **=UNIQUE(A2:A11)** entered in cell C2. The result of the formula is a list of unique team names: Mavs, Celtics, Lakers, Hawks, and Kings, listed in cells C2 through C6.

Next, we can type the following formula into cell D2 to count the number of times each team name repeats:

=COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$11, C2)

D2	▼	:	✕	✓	<i>fx</i>	=COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$11, C2)
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Team		Unique Teams	Count		
2	Mavs		Mavs	3		
3	Celtics		Celtics	2		
4	Mavs		Lakers	3		
5	Mavs		Hawks	1		
6	Lakers		Kings	1		
7	Celtics					
8	Hawks					
9	Kings					
10	Lakers					
11	Lakers					
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Column D now shows the number of times that each unique team name occurs.

Example 2: Count Total Repeated Words (Including 1st Occurrence)

**=ROWS(\$A\$2:\$A\$11)-
SUM(IF(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$11,\$A\$2:\$A\$11) =1,1,0))**

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:

C2		: X ✓ <i>fx</i>		=ROWS(\$A\$2:\$A\$11)-SUM(IF(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$11,\$A\$2:\$A\$11)=1,1,0))					
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Team		Total Repeats						
2	Mavs		8						
3	Celtics								
4	Mavs								
5	Mavs								
6	Lakers								
7	Celtics								
8	Hawks								
9	Kings								
10	Lakers								
11	Lakers								
12									
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The formula tells us that there are a total of 8 repeated words (including the 1st occurrence) in the team column.

We can verify this is correct by manually identifying the 8 repeated words:

	A	B	C	D	E	
1	Team		Total Repeats			
2	Mavs		8			
3	Celtics					
4	Mavs					
5	Mavs					
6	Lakers					
7	Celtics					
8	Hawks					
9	Kings					
10	Lakers					
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Example 3: Count Total Repeated Words (Not Including 1st Occurrence)

To count the total number of repeats (not including the 1st occurrence) in the team column, we can first type the following formula into cell B2 to determine if each row represents a repeat or not:

=IF(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A2,A2)>1,"Yes","No")

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

B2		=IF(COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A2,A2)>1,"Yes","No")				
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Team	Repeat Team Name?				
2	Mavs	No				
3	Celtics	No				
4	Mavs	Yes				
5	Mavs	Yes				
6	Lakers	No				
7	Celtics	Yes				
8	Hawks	No				
9	Kings	No				
10	Lakers	Yes				
11	Lakers	Yes				
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Next, we can type the following formula into cell C2 to count the number of total repeated words (not including the 1st occurrence) in the team column:

=COUNTIF(B2:B11, "Yes")

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:

C2 ✕ ✓ <i>fx</i> =COUNTIF(B2:B11, "Yes")					
	A	B	C	D	E
1	Team	Repeat Team Name?	Total Repeats		
2	Mavs	No	5		
3	Celtics	No			
4	Mavs	Yes			
5	Mavs	Yes			
6	Lakers	No			
7	Celtics	Yes			
8	Hawks	No			
9	Kings	No			
10	Lakers	Yes			
11	Lakers	Yes			
12					
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14					
15					
16					

We can see that there are 5 total repeated words (not including the 1st occurrence) in the team column.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Excel: