

How can I search for a question mark in Excel?

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Searching for a question mark in Excel can be easily done by using the "Find and Replace" function. Simply go to the Home tab and click on the "Find and Replace" option. In the "Find what" field, type in the "?" symbol and click "Find Next". This will highlight all the question marks in the Excel sheet. Alternatively, you can use the "Ctrl + F" shortcut to access the Find and Replace dialog box. This feature is useful for quickly locating specific symbols or characters within the data in an Excel spreadsheet.

Search for a Question Mark in Excel

You can use the following formula to check if a given cell in Excel contains a question mark anywhere in the cell:

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=IF(ISNUMBER(SEARCH("~?", A2)), "Yes", "No")
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This particular formula checks if cell A2 contains a question mark and returns "Yes" if it does.

Otherwise, it returns "No."

Note: The tilde symbol (~) in Excel indicates that the next character is a literal.

The following example shows how to use this formula in practice.

Example: Search for Question Mark in Cell in Excel

Suppose we have the following list of phrases in Excel:

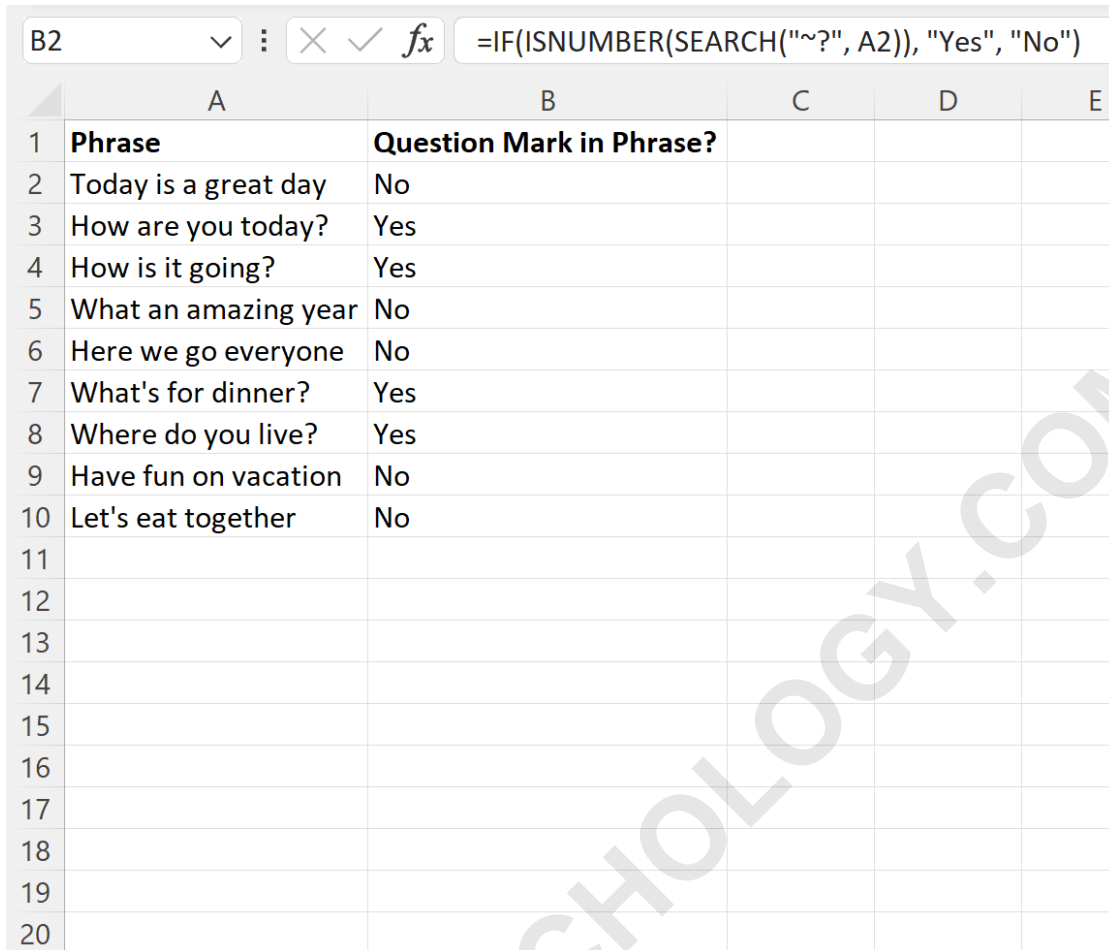
	A	B	C	D	E
1	Phrase				
2	Today is a great day				
3	How are you today?				
4	How is it going?				
5	What an amazing year				
6	Here we go everyone				
7	What's for dinner?				
8	Where do you live?				
9	Have fun on vacation				
10	Let's eat together				
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Suppose we would like to search each phrase in column A to determine if it contains a question mark or not.

To do so, we can type the following formula into cell B2:

=IF(ISNUMBER(SEARCH("~?", A2)), "Yes", "No")

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



	A	B	C	D	E
1	Phrase	Question Mark in Phrase?			
2	Today is a great day	No			
3	How are you today?	Yes			
4	How is it going?	Yes			
5	What an amazing year	No			
6	Here we go everyone	No			
7	What's for dinner?	Yes			
8	Where do you live?	Yes			
9	Have fun on vacation	No			
10	Let's eat together	No			
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The formula returns "Yes" if the phrase contains a question mark.

Otherwise, it returns "No" if no question mark is found.

For example, we can see:

The first phrase does not contain a question mark. The second phrase does contain a question mark. The third phrase does contain a question mark.

And so on.

Note that if you'd like to return values other than "Yes" and "No", simply replace these values in the formula with whatever values you'd like.

Also note that you can use the following formula to return TRUE or FALSE to indicate whether a cell contains a question mark or not:

=ISNUMBER(SEARCH("~?", A2))

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

	A	B	C	D
1	Phrase	Question Mark in Phrase?		
2	Today is a great day	FALSE		
3	How are you today?	TRUE		
4	How is it going?	TRUE		
5	What an amazing year	FALSE		
6	Here we go everyone	FALSE		
7	What's for dinner?	TRUE		
8	Where do you live?	TRUE		
9	Have fun on vacation	FALSE		
10	Let's eat together	FALSE		
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The formula returns TRUE or FALSE to indicate whether each phrase contains a question mark or not.

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

[Excel: How to Search for an Asterisk in a Cell](#)