

How can I use the SUBSTITUTE function in Google Sheets?

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The SUBSTITUTE function in Google Sheets is a useful tool for replacing specific text within a cell or range of cells with new text. This function allows users to easily make changes to their data without manually editing each cell individually. By specifying the text to be replaced, the new text, and the cell or range to be affected, the SUBSTITUTE function can efficiently make multiple replacements in one simple step. This can save time and effort when working with large amounts of data. Additionally, the SUBSTITUTE function can also be combined with other functions, such as FIND and REPLACE, to create even more powerful data manipulation tools. Overall, the SUBSTITUTE function in Google Sheets is a valuable tool for efficiently managing and editing data.

SUBSTITUTE

Replaces existing text with new text in a string.

Sample Usage

```
SUBSTITUTE("search for it","search for","Google")
```

```
SUBSTITUTE(A2,"new york","New York")
```

```
SUBSTITUTE("January 2, 2012",2,3,1)
```

Syntax

```
SUBSTITUTE(text_to_search, search_for, replace_with, )
```

`text_to_search` - The text within which to search and replace.

`search_for` - The string to search for within `text_to_search`.

`search_for` will match parts of words as well as whole words; therefore a search for "vent" will also replace text within "eventual".

`replace_with` - The string that will replace `search_for`.

`occurrence_number` - - The instance of `search_for` within `text_to_search` to replace with `replace_with`. By default, all occurrences of `search_for` are replaced; however, if `occurrence_number` is specified, only the indicated instance of `search_for` is replaced.

Notes

SUBSTITUTE can be used to replace one or all instances of a string within `text_to_search`. It

cannot be used to replace multiple, but not all instances within a single call. This function returns text as the output. If a number is desired, try using the [VALUE](#) function in conjunction with this function.

See Also

[TEXT](#): Converts a number into text according to a specified format.

[REPLACE](#): Replaces part of a text string with a different text string.

Examples

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