

# How do I check if a cell reference is valid in Google Sheets?

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To check if a cell reference is valid in Google Sheets, you can use the built-in function ISREF. This function allows you to determine if a cell reference exists within the spreadsheet. If the reference is valid, the function will return TRUE, and if the reference does not exist, it will return FALSE. This can be helpful in ensuring the accuracy of your data and preventing errors in formulas. To use the ISREF function, simply enter the cell reference you want to check as the argument. This function can also be combined with other logical functions to create more complex checks. By using the ISREF function, you can easily verify the validity of cell references in your Google Sheets.

## ISREF

Checks whether a value is a valid cell reference.

### Sample Usage

```
ISREF(A2)
```

### Syntax

```
ISREF(value)
```

`value` - The value to be verified as a cell reference.

\*ISREF returns TRUE if this is a valid cell reference, and FALSE otherwise.

Providing a string containing a valid cell reference (e.g. "A2") for `value` returns FALSE as the input is a string, not a reference.

### Notes

This function is most often used in conjunction with IF in conditional statements.

### See Also

ISTEXT: Checks whether a value is text.

ISODD: Checks whether the provided value is odd.

ISNUMBER: Checks whether a value is a number.

ISNONTEXT: Checks whether a value is non-textual.

ISNA: Checks whether a value is the error `#N/A`.

ISLOGICAL: Checks whether a value is `TRUE` or `FALSE`.

ISEVEN: Checks whether the provided value is even.

ISERROR: Checks whether a value is an error.

ISERR: Checks whether a value is an error other than `#N/A`.

ISBLANK: Checks whether the referenced cell is empty.

IF: Returns one value if a logical expression is `TRUE` and another if it is `FALSE`.

## Examples

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