

# Text to Numbers



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By default, text is left-aligned and numbers are right-aligned. This example teaches you how to convert text strings that represent numbers to numbers.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2								
2	4								
3	6								
4	8								
5	'10								
6									
7									

1. Select the range A1:A4 and change the [number format](#) to General.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2								
2	4								
3	6								
4	8								
5	'10								
6									
7									

2. Numbers preceded by an apostrophe are also treated as text. Select cell A5 and manually remove the apostrophe.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2								
2	4								
3	6								
4	8								
5	10								
6									
7									

3a. You can also combine step 1 and 2 by adding an empty cell to the range A1:A5. By doing this, you let Excel know that these text strings are numbers. Copy an empty cell.

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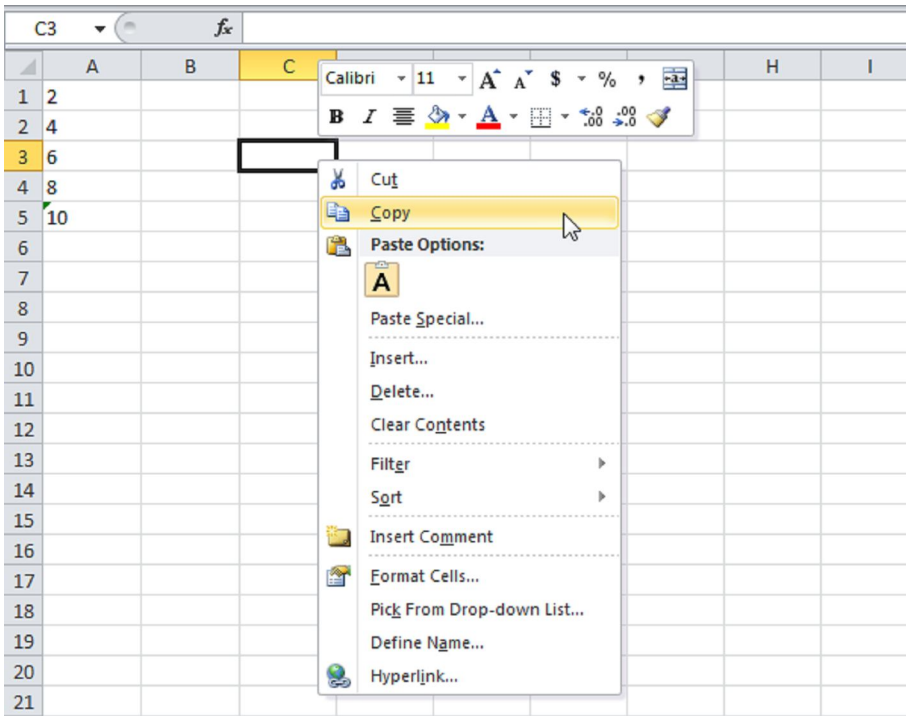
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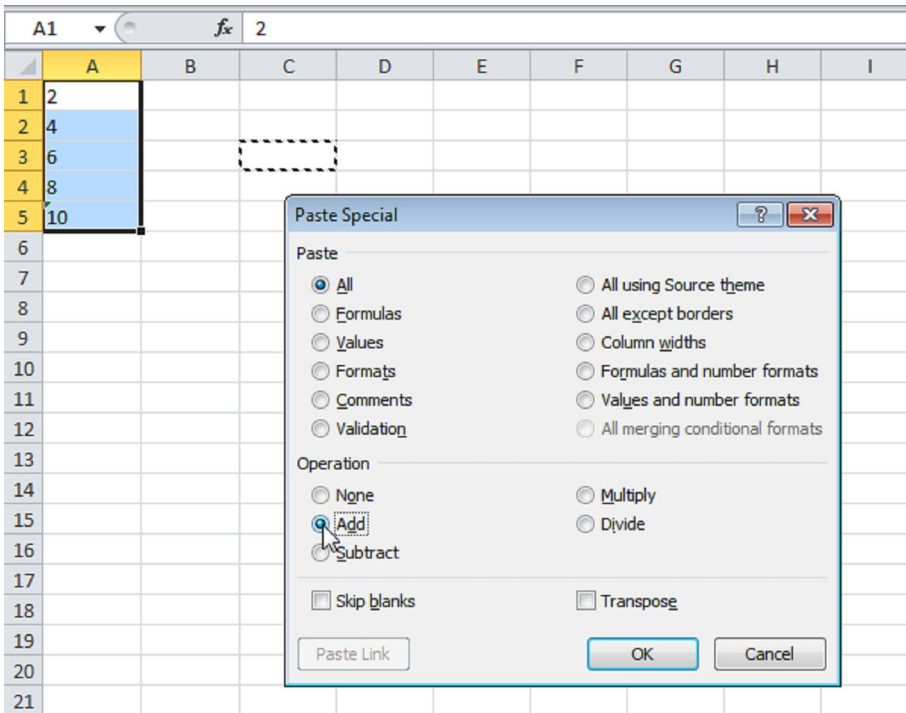
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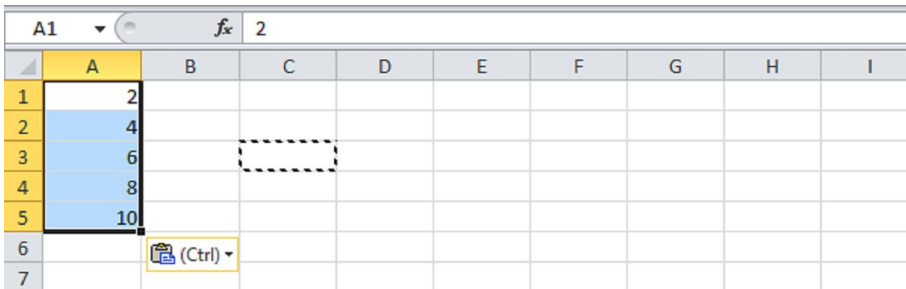
3b. Select the range A1:A5, right click, and then click Paste Special...

3c. Click Add.



3d. Click OK.

Result. All numbers are right-aligned and treated as numbers.



4a. You can also use the VALUE function.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2		2						
2	4		4						
3	6		6						
4	8		8						
5	10		10						
6									
7									

4b. Here's another example. Use the Right function (or any other [text function](#)) to extract characters from a text string and then use the VALUE function to convert these characters to a number.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	score 823	823							
2									
3									

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