

Clean imported text

Paste any recipe into an empty cell.

USE THE SAME INPUT

The formulas contain their own example inputs. Paste one into an empty cell. Text in quotes is literal data.

English Excel: comma arguments. Regional settings may use another separator.

Extra ordinary spaces

```
=TRIM(" Ada Lovelace ")
```

RESULT: Ada Lovelace

Removes edge spaces and keeps one space between words.

Remove a known separator

```
=SUBSTITUTE("AB-001", "-", "")
```

RESULT: AB001

All hyphens are removed. Apply only where the data rules allow it.

A nonbreaking space

```
=TRIM(SUBSTITUTE("Ada"&UNICHAR(160)&"Lovelace", UNICHAR(160), " "))
```

RESULT: Ada Lovelace

Replace Unicode 160 with a normal space before trimming.

Keep the prefix

```
=LEFT("AB-001", 2)
```

RESULT: AB

Takes exactly two characters, not everything before a separator.

Keep leading zeros

```
=RIGHT("AB-001", 3)
```

RESULT: 001 (text)

Do not convert this result to a number when it is an identifier.

Parse a known number format

```
=NUMBERVALUE("1.234,50", ",", ".")
```

RESULT: 1234.5

Arguments specify decimal comma and grouping dot explicitly.

BEFORE YOU USE IT

Keep the raw data. Preserve leading zeros in IDs. TRIM removes ordinary spaces, not every Unicode space. NUMBERVALUE returns a number, not formatted currency.

MICROSOFT REFERENCES

TRIM **NUMBERVALUE**