



Module 5: Dividing

5.1 Dividing

The Divide function is one of the functions that allows you to use Excel like a calculator.

You can do this by selecting the cell where you want the product to appear.

There are two important elements you cannot forget: First, it is important that you put the equals sign before the operation. Second, the sign to divide is the forward slash (/).

Place the slash between the two numbers or cell references you want to divide, and press enter.

Note that there is no DIVIDE function in excel. However, you can use cell references to divide numbers, rather than typing the numbers in manually.

You can use as many inputs you would like for this function.

5.2 Video Instruction

How to Divide in Excel - 0m51s

In this video example the resulting numbers are shown as whole numbers, however, these can be changed to numbers with decimal places if required (e.g. 2000 divided by 30 will then result in 66.67, at 2 decimal places). This can be done by using Format Cells and selecting the Number tab. Click on Number, select the number of required Decimal places, tick Use 1000 Separator (,) and finally select OK. You may also refer forward to Module 33, section 33.2 for information on number formatting.

5.3 Task

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

Download the worksheet that accompanies this video by clicking below. Once downloaded practice dividing in Excel using the video above as a reference.

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