

Re: This Formula does not work....

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You have to know the subtleties in how SUM works. It ignores everything that is non-numeric. Your formula generates an 249 element boolean array. SUM ignores booleans! Also, since the formula generates an array, you would have to use an array formula to get SUM to work with that array. So, array enter =SUM(N(\$D\$1:\$D\$249="R")) and it will work.

To array enter a formula use CTRL+SHIFT+ENTER to complete formula entry rather than the usual ENTER.

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Regards,

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> says...

> > =COUNTIF(\$D\$1:\$D\$249="R")

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> > =COUNTIF(\$D\$1:\$D\$249=J16)

> > "Gunjani" <yunus786DELETETHIS@btopenworld.com> wrote in message

> > news:MPG.1b02e1d1663db0a69896b8@news.btinternet.com...

> > > I'm trying to Count the amount of 'R' appearing in column D. Tried this

> > > formula below but no joy.

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> > > =SUM(\$D\$1:\$D\$249="R")

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> > > Also tried =SUM(\$D\$1:\$D\$49=J16) where J1^ contains letter R but still no

> > > joy.

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> > > Many Thanks

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> > > Gunjani

> > > Under the bed is not a good place to save snowballs for

> > > summer.

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> Thank you. Only worked when the = is replaced by a , sign. But why cant

> the original SUM formula work?

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