

# RE: Data table function

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I think I did a poor job of explaining myself. My apologies. I plan to have a table like you described with a column of text and a column of associated prices.

Example:

A B  
blue widget \$15.95

These columns will contain dozens of rows. When I type "blue widget" somewhere else on the worksheet, I want it to bring up the associated price and drop it into another cell.

Does this make sense?

Regardless, thank you very much for responding so quickly.

Maestro

"SongBear" wrote:

\*Sigh\* I meant to say that the formula in Cell C5 is: =VLOOKUP(B2,B4:C13,2)

"SongBear" wrote:

maestro  
Generally speaking, yes there are a couple of ways to go.  
For instance if your table is one column of text labels and one column of values, then you would use a VLookup function.  
There is a very good explanation of VLOOKUP in Excel help, along with other table lookup functions.  
Example:  
the formula in cell I5 is: =VLOOKUP(B2,B4:C13,2)

B C  
5 text6 753

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6  
7 text1 122  
8 text2 211  
9 text3 321  
10 text4 123  
11 text5 456  
12 text6 753  
13 text7 159  
14 text8 951  
15 text9 357  
16 text10 852

Please let us know if this answers your question.  
If you need more help or clarification, let us know.  
SongBear

"maestro" wrote:

I have a data table with text fields and associated values. In another part of the spreadsheet I need for Excel to match a text entry (when I type it) to the table and copy the associated value to another cell in the worksheet. Is this possible?