

Re: Collating sequence / sort

Source: <http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Excel/microsoft.public.excel/2008-04/msg01379.html>

- *From:* Dave Peterson <petersod@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Mon, 28 Apr 2008 15:50:10 -0500
-

Take a look at excel's help for sort and you'll see that excel ignores the hyphens.

From xl2003's help for "Default sort orders"

.....

Apostrophes (') and hyphens (-) are ignored, with one exception: If two text strings are the same except for a hyphen, the text with the hyphen is sorted last.

Maybe you can change the hyphen to a different character, do the sort and then change it back???

Dave Mills wrote:

Can anyone explain to me why my spreadsheet sorts as follows. The cells are formatted as text. This also happens with other similar data but I just cannot see why. This does not seem to be either a test or numeric sort. In any collating sequence I would expect all the T10's to be either before or after T1- I just cannot see how it can be in the middle.

T10-02
T10-03
T10-04
T10-05
T10-06
T10-07
T10-08
T10-09
T1-01
T10-10
T10-11
T10-12
T10-13
T10-14
T10-15

Re: Collating sequence / sort

T10-16

T10-17

--

Dave Mills

There are 10 type of people, those that understand binary and those that don't.

--

Dave Peterson

.