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Hello, and welcome to Mark's Excel Tips. Today we are going to show you how to split first and last names that are in one column into two separate columns. Lets get started.

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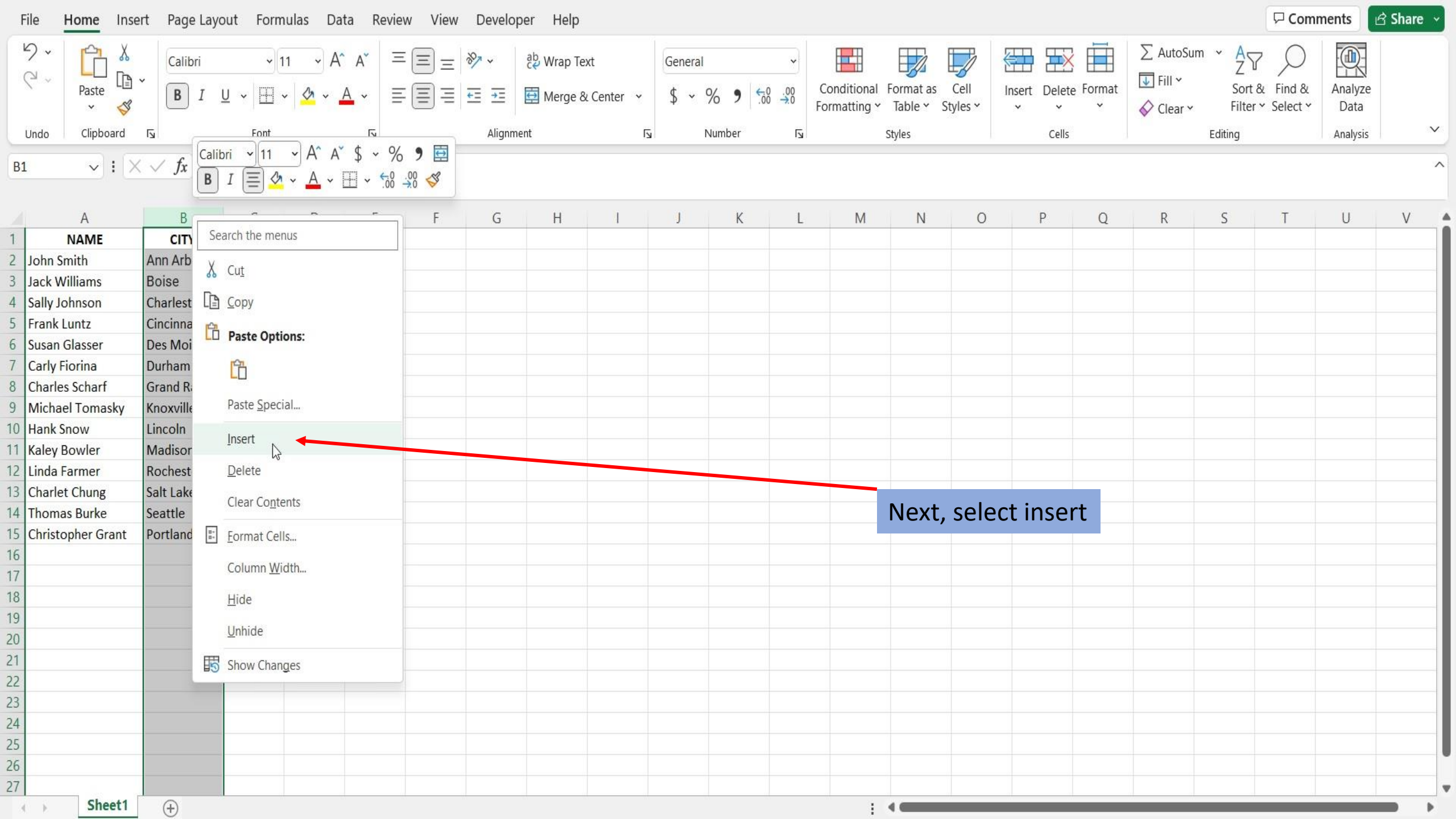
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The first thing you need to do is right click on the column to the right of the names that you want to separate.



Next, select insert

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Calibri 11 A A Wrap Text Merge & Center General \$ % ; .00 .00 Conditional Formatting Format as Table Cell Styles Insert Delete Format AutoSum Fill Clear Sort & Filter Find & Select Analyze Data

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Excel has inserted a blank column to the right of the name column.

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Re-name columns, A and B, as first Name and Last Name as Shown here.

Clipboard: Undo, Paste, Copy, Paste with icons

Font: Calibri, 11, Bold, Italic, Underline, Text Color, Background Color, Font Color

Alignment: Left, Center, Right, Justify, Merge & Center, Wrap Text

Number: General, Currency, Percentage, Thousand Separator, Decimals

Styles: Conditional Formatting, Format as Table, Cell Styles

Cells: Insert, Delete, Format

Editing: AutoSum, Fill, Clear, Sort & Filter, Find & Select

Analysis: Analyze Data

A2

John Smith

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Select all the names that you want to separate.

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Calibri 11 A A Wrap Text Merge & Center General Conditional Formatting Format as Table Cell Styles Insert Delete Format AutoSum Fill Clear Sort & Filter Find & Select Analyze Data

A2

John Smith

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Click on Data.

Get Data

- From Text/CSV
- From Picture
- From Web
- Recent Sources
- From Table/Range
- Existing Connections

Get & Transform Data

Queries & Connections

- Refresh All
- Properties
- Edit Links

Queries & Connections

Data Types

- Stocks
- Currencies

Data Types

Sort & Filter

- Sort
- Filter
- Clear
- Reapply
- Advanced

Sort & Filter

Data Tools

- Text to Columns

Data Tools

Forecast

- What-If Analysis
- Forecast Sheet

Forecast

Outline

- Group
- Ungroup
- Subtotal

Outline

A2 John Smith

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Text to Columns

Split a single column of text into multiple columns.

For example, you can separate a column of full names into separate first and last name columns.

You can choose how to split it up: fixed width or split at each comma, period, or other character.

[Tell me more](#)

And click on Text to Columns.

Get & Transform Data: Get Data, From Text/CSV, From Picture, From Web, Recent Sources, From Table/Range, Existing Connections

Queries & Connections: Refresh, Properties, Edit Links

Data Types: Stocks, Currencies

A2 John Smith

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The Text Wizard has determined that your data is Delimited.

If this is correct, choose Next, or choose the data type that best describes your data.

Original data type

Choose the file type that best describes your data:

Delimited - Characters such as commas or tabs separate each field.

Fixed width - Fields are aligned in columns with spaces between each field.

Preview of selected data:

```
2 John Smith
3 Jack Williams
4 Sally Johnson
5 Frank Luntz
6 Susan Glasser
7 Carly Fiorina
```

Buttons: Cancel, < Back, Next >, Finish

Next, you want to click on Delimited.

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Get From Text/CSV From Picture From Web Recent Sources From Table/Range Existing Connections

Refresh All Queries & Connections Properties Edit Links

Stocks Currencies

Get & Transform Data Queries & Connections Data Types

A2 John Smith

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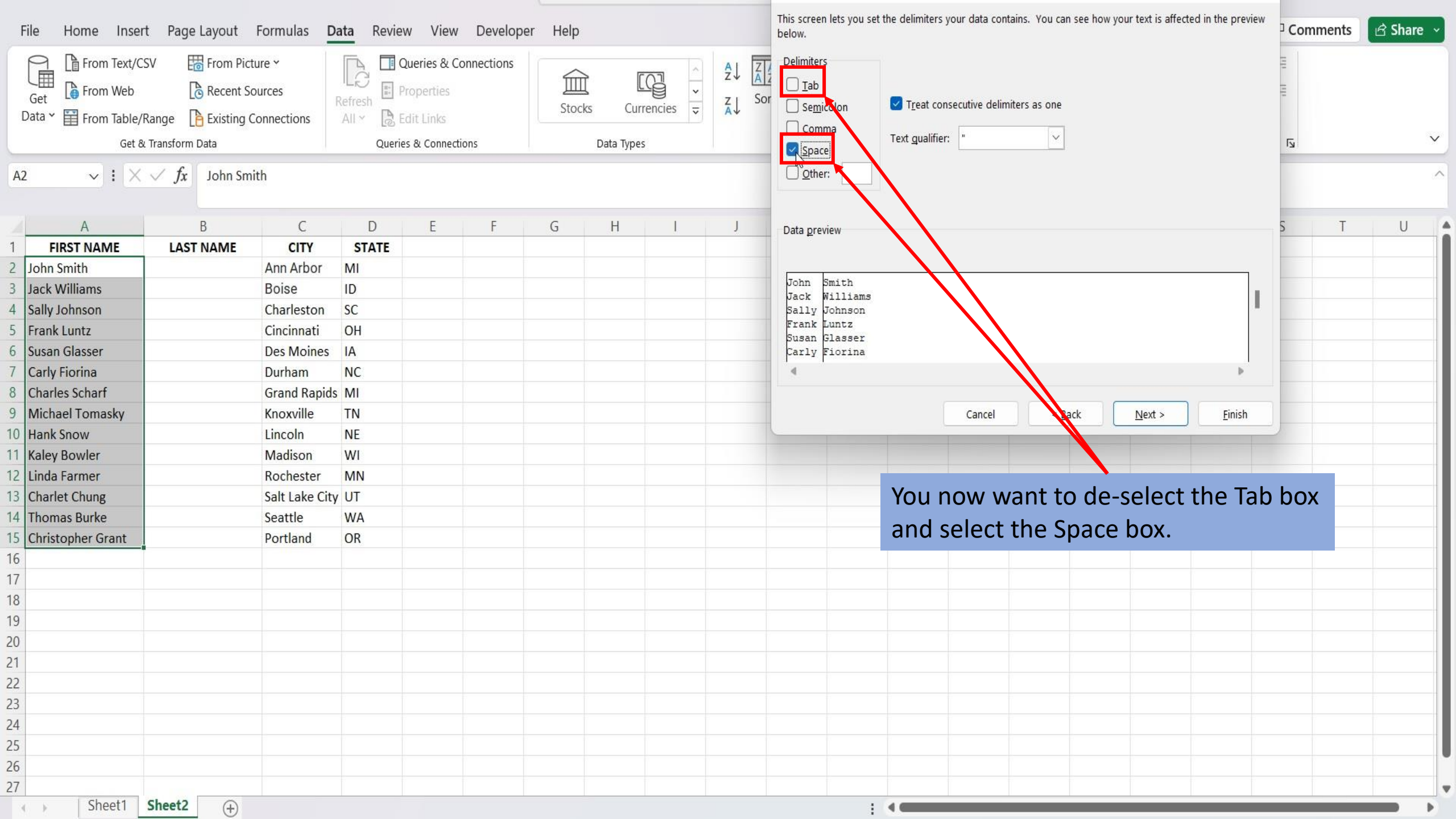
Fixed width - Fields are aligned in columns with spaces between each field.

Preview of selected data:

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2 John Smith
3 Jack Williams
4 Sally Johnson
5 Frank Luntz
6 Susan Glasser
7 Carly Fiorina
```

Cancel < Back **Next >** Finish

Click Next.



Get Data: From Text/CSV, From Picture, From Web, Recent Sources, From Table/Range, Existing Connections

Queries & Connections: Refresh, Properties, Edit Links

Data Types: Stocks, Currencies

A2 John Smith

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This screen lets you set the delimiters your data contains. You can see how your text is affected in the preview below.

Delimiters:

- Tab
- Semicolon
- Comma
- Space
- Other:

Treat consecutive delimiters as one

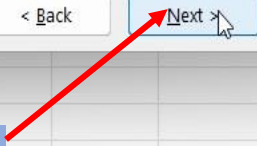
Text qualifier: "

Data preview:

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John Smith
Jack Williams
Sally Johnson
Frank Luntz
Susan Glasser
Carly Fiorina
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Buttons: Cancel, < Back, Next >, Finish

Click Next.



Get & Transform Data: Get Data (From Text/CSV, From Web, From Table/Range, From Picture, Recent Sources, Existing Connections)

Queries & Connections: Refresh All, Properties, Edit Links

Data Types: Stocks, Currencies

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This screen lets you select each column and set the Data Format.

Column data format

- General
- Text
- Date: MDY
- Do not import column (skip)

'General' converts numeric values to numbers, date values to dates, and all remaining values to text.

Advanced...

Destination: \$A\$2

Data preview

General	General
John	Smith
Jack	Williams
Sally	Johnson
Frank	Luntz
Susan	Glasser
Carly	Fiorina

Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Click on Finish.

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Microsoft Excel

⚠ There's already data here. Do you want to replace it?

OK Cancel

If you get a message that says, There's already data here. Do you want to replace it? Click OK.

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Your first and last names have now been separated into two separate columns.

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