Although they look almost exactly the same, the phrase *all together* and the word *altogether* have different meanings and should not be used interchangeably.¹

*All together* means "in one place" or "all at once."²

**Examples:**
Several specimens were collected and stored all together.

The colleagues arrived for the meeting all together.

In contrast, *altogether* means "in all (in total)," "entirely," or "on the whole."³
Examples:
The study had three treatment arms and 120 participants altogether.

To reduce the risk of cancer, one should avoid tobacco altogether.

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