



Instructional Routines for Mathematics Intervention

The purpose of these mathematics instructional routines is to provide educators with materials to use when providing intervention to students who experience difficulty with mathematics. The routines address content included in the grades 2-8 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). There are 23 modules that include routines and examples – each focused on different mathematical content. Each of the 23 modules include vocabulary cards and problem sets to use during instruction. These materials are intended to be implemented explicitly with the aim of improving mathematics outcomes for students.

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MODULE 18

Addition and Subtraction of Integers



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Mathematics Routines

A. Important Vocabulary with Definitions

Term	Definition
absolute value	The distance of a number from 0 on a number line.
addend	Any numbers added together.
difference	The result of subtracting one number from another number.
integer	A positive or negative whole number.
minuend	The number from which another number is subtracted.
negative number	Any number less than 0.
number line	A straight line with numbers placed at equal intervals along its length.
opposites	Two numbers that are equal distance from 0 on a number line.
positive number	Any number greater than 0.
subtrahend	The number to be subtracted.
sum	The result of adding two or more numbers or the total number when you combine sets.
zero pair	A pair of numbers with a sum of 0.

B. Background Information

In this module, we focus on addition and subtraction of integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. We use the following different models to help students understand addition and subtraction of integers:

- (1) Addition with a Number Line
- (2) Subtraction with a Number Line
- (3) Addition with Two-Color Counters
- (4) Subtraction with Two-Color Counters
- (5) Addition with a Positive and Negative Mat with Cubes
- (6) Subtraction with a Positive and Negative Mat with Cubes

When referring to integers, be sure to emphasize that numbers without a negative symbol (-) are assumed positive. So:

- 7 is “positive seven” or “seven.”
- 7 is “negative seven.”

Be sure to use the negative symbol (-), instead of a minus sign (−), for representing negative numbers.

Emphasize *zero pairs* when teaching integers. A zero pair is a pair of numbers with a sum of 0. So, $-7 + 7 = 0$.

C. Routines and Examples

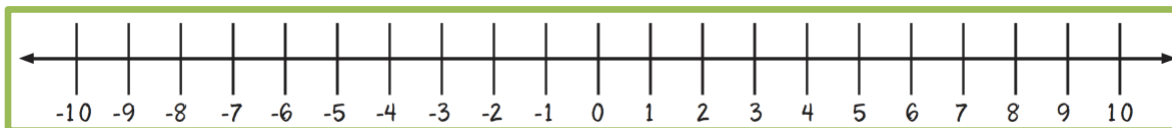
(1) Addition with a Number Line

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 18 Problem Sets](#)
- [Module 18 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- A number line and a manipulative with a face (e.g., duck or dinosaur)

ROUTINE WITH NUMBER LINE



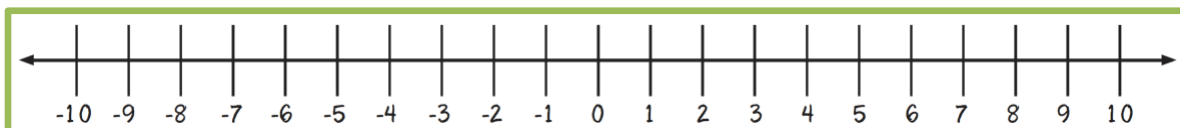
- Teacher** Let's add integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
- Students A positive or negative whole number.
- Teacher** Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
- Students It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.
- Teacher** We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)
- Teacher** We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?
- Students When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.
- Teacher** How do you know a number is negative?
- Students It has a negative sign.
- Teacher** We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)
- Teacher** Let's work on adding with this number line.
(Show number line.)
(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we adding?
Students ___ plus ___.
Teacher So, let's start at the first addend. What's the first addend?
Students ___.
Teacher Let's place the duck on the number line at the first addend. When adding, we'll place duck so it is facing the increasing numbers on the number line. (Place duck on first addend. Make sure duck is facing increasing number on number line.)
Teacher Now, let's add. What number do we add?
Students ___.
Teacher If the second addend is positive, we move forward on the number line. What do we do if the second addend is positive?
Students Move forward on the number line.
Teacher If the second addend is negative, we move backward on the number line. What do we do if the second addend is negative?
Students Move backward on the number line.
Teacher So, which direction should we move?
Students Forward/backward.
Teacher Because the second addend is positive/negative, we move forward/backward ___ spaces. Let's do that together. Count with me.
Students __, __, __ ...
Teacher So, our duck shows the sum. What's ___ plus ___?
Students ___.
Teacher Yes. ___ plus ___ equals __. Using this number line helps you understand what it means to add integers. How can you use the number line to add integers?
Students Start at the first addend. If the second addend is positive, move forward on the number line. If the second addend is negative, move backward on the number line.

Example

$$-3 + 5$$

EXAMPLE WITH NUMBER LINE



Teacher Let's add integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
Students A positive or negative whole number.
Teacher Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
Students It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.

Teacher We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)

Teacher We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?

Students When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.

Teacher How do you know a number is negative?

Students It has a negative sign.

Teacher We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)

Teacher Let's work on adding with this number line.
(Show number line.)
(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we adding?

Students -3 plus 5.

Teacher So, let's start at the first addend. What's the first addend?

Students -3.

Teacher Let's place the duck on the number line at the first addend. When adding, we'll place the duck so it is facing the increasing numbers on the number line.
(Place duck on -3.)

Teacher Now, let's add. What number do we add?

Students 5.

Teacher If the second addend is positive, we move forward on the number line. What do we do if the second addend is positive?

Students Move forward on the number line.

Teacher If the second addend is negative, we move backward on the number line. What do we do if the second addend is negative?

Students Move backward on the number line.

Teacher So, which direction should we move?

Students Forward.

Teacher Because the second addend is positive, we move forward 5 spaces. Let's do that together. Count with me.

Students 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Teacher So, our duck shows the sum. What's -3 plus 5?

Students 2.

Teacher Yes. -3 plus 5 equals 2. Using this number line helps you understand what it means to add integers. How can you use the number line to add integers?

Students Start at the first addend. If the second addend is positive, move forward on the number line. If the second addend is negative, move backward on the number line.

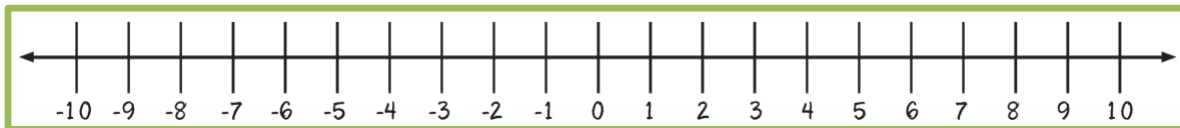
(2) Subtraction with a Number Line

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 18 Problem Sets](#)
- [Module 18 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- A number line and a manipulative with a face (e.g., duck or dinosaur)

ROUTINE WITH NUMBER LINE



- Teacher** Let's subtract integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
- Students** A positive or negative whole number.
- Teacher** Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
- Students** It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.
- Teacher** We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)
- Teacher** We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?
- Students** When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.
- Teacher** How do you know a number is negative?
- Students** It has a negative sign.
- Teacher** We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)
- Teacher** Let's work on subtracting with this number line.
(Show number line.)
(Show problem.)
- Teacher** What numbers are we subtracting?
- Students** ___ minus ___.
- Teacher** So, let's start at the minuend. What's the minuend?
- Students** ___.
- Teacher** Let's place the duck on the number line at the minuend. When subtracting, we'll place the duck so it is facing the decreasing numbers on the number line.
(Place duck on minuend. Place duck facing the decreasing numbers on the number line.)
- Teacher** Now, let's subtract. What number do we subtract? What's the subtrahend?
- Students** ___.

Teacher If the subtrahend is positive, we move the duck forward on the number line from where the duck is facing. What do we do if the subtrahend is positive?

Students Move forward on the number line from where the duck is facing.

Teacher If the subtrahend is negative, we move backward on the number line from where the duck is facing. What do we do if the subtrahend is negative?

Students Move backward on the number line from where the duck is facing.

Teacher So, which direction should we move?

Students Forward/backward.

Teacher Because the subtrahend is positive/negative, we move forward/backward ___ spaces. Let's do that together. Count with me.

Students __, __, __, ...

Teacher So, our duck shows the difference. What's __ minus __?

Students __.

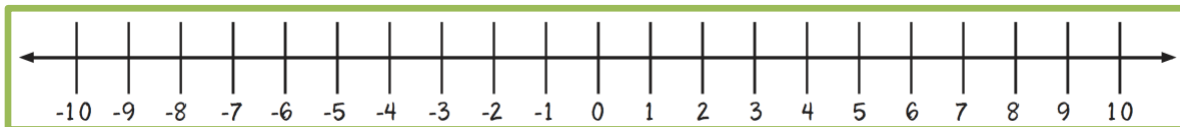
Teacher Yes. __ minus __ equals __. Using this number line helps you understand what it means to subtract integers. How can you use the number line to subtract integers?

Students Start at the minuend with the duck facing the decreasing numbers on the number line. If the subtrahend is positive, move the duck forward from its position. If the subtrahend is negative, move the duck backward from its position.

Example

$$4 - (-3)$$

EXAMPLE WITH NUMBER LINE



Teacher Let's subtract integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?

Students A positive or negative whole number.

Teacher Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?

Students It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.

Teacher We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign. (Draw +.)

Teacher We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?

Students When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.

Teacher How do you know a number is negative?

Students It has a negative sign.

Teacher We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)

Teacher **Let's work on subtracting with this number line.**
(Show number line.)
(Show problem.)

Teacher **What numbers are we subtracting?**
Students 4 minus (-3).

Teacher **So, let's start at the minuend. What's the minuend?**
Students 4.

Teacher **Let's place the duck on the number line at the minuend. When subtracting, we'll place the duck so it is facing the decreasing numbers on the number line.**
(Place duck on minuend. Place duck facing the decreasing numbers on the number line.)

Teacher **Now, let's subtract. What number do we subtract? What's the subtrahend?**
Students -3.

Teacher **If the subtrahend is positive, we move the duck forward on the number line from where the duck is facing. What do we do if the subtrahend is positive?**
Students Move forward on the number line from where the duck is facing.

Teacher **If the subtrahend is negative, we move backward on the number line from where the duck is facing. What do we do if the subtrahend is negative?**
Students Move backward on the number line from where the duck is facing.

Teacher **So, which direction should we move?**
Students Backward.

Teacher **Because the subtrahend is negative, we move backward 3 spaces. Let's do that together. Count with me.**
Students 1, 2, 3.

Teacher **So, our duck shows the difference. What's 4 minus -3?**
Students 7.

Teacher **Yes. 4 minus -3 equals 7. Using this number line helps you understand what it means to subtract integers. How can you use the number line to subtract integers?**
Students Start at the minuend with the duck facing the decreasing numbers on the number line. If the subtrahend is positive, move the duck forward from its position. If the subtrahend is negative, move the duck backward from its position.

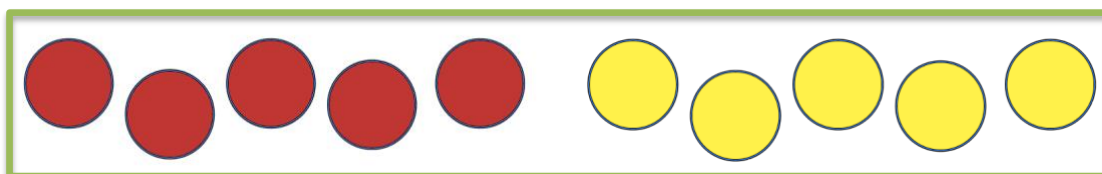
(3) Addition with Two-Color Counters

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 18 Problem Sets](#)
- [Module 18 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- A hands-on tool or manipulative like two-color counters or multi-colored cubes

ROUTINE WITH TWO-COLOR COUNTERS



- Teacher** Let's add integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
- Students** A positive or negative whole number.
- Teacher** Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
- Students** It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.
- Teacher** We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)
- Teacher** We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?
- Students** When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.
- Teacher** How do you know a number is negative?
- Students** It has a negative sign.
- Teacher** We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)
- Teacher** Let's work on adding with these two-color counters.
(Show counters.)
- Teacher** With the two-color counters, the yellow side will represent positive integers. What does the yellow side represent?
- Students** Positive.
- Teacher** And the red side will represent negative integers. What does the red side represent?
- Students** Negative.
(Show problem.)
- Teacher** What numbers are we adding?
- Students** ___ plus ___.
- Teacher** So, let's start at the first addend. What's the first addend?

Students ____.

Teacher **Let's show the first addend with the two-color counters. How do we show ____ (first addend)?**

Students Show ____ yellow/red counters.

Teacher **Yes, we'll show ____ yellow/red counters.**
(Show counters.)

Teacher **Now, let's add. What number do we add?**

Students ____.

Teacher **Let's add the second addend to the first. How do we show ____ (second addend)?**

Students Show ____ yellow/red counters.

Teacher **Yes, we'll show ____ yellow/red counters.**
(Show counters.)

Teacher **Let's add the counters of the second addend to the counters of the first addend.**
(Add all counters together.)

Teacher **Are the counters all the same color?**

Students *OPTION 1:* Yes!
OPTION 2: No!

Teacher ***OPTION 2:* When we have a mix of yellow and red counters, we'll make zero pairs until we only have all positive counters or all negative counters. What we will make?**

Students Zero pairs.

Teacher **A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?**

Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher **So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?**

Students 0.

Teacher **Let's make zero pairs. I see a positive and a negative (place counters side-by-side). What did we create?**

Students A zero pair.

Teacher **We made a zero pair. We can remove this pair from our workspace.**
(Remove zero pair.)

Teacher **Can we make another zero pair?**
(Continue removing zero pairs until there are no more zero pairs.)

Teacher **Are the counters all the same color?**

Students Yes!

Teacher **All of the counters are the same color. How many counters?**

Students ____.

Teacher **So, what's ____ plus ____?**

Students ____.

Teacher ___ plus ___ equals ___. Let's say that together.

Students ___ plus ___ equals ___.

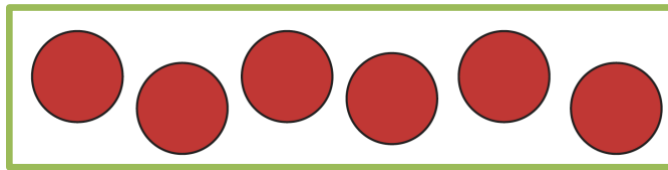
Teacher **Nice job! Using the two-color counters helps you add integers. How can you use the two-color counters to add integers?**

Students You show the first addend. Then, you add the second addend. You create zero pairs until all the counters are positive or negative. The sum is the remaining counters.

Example

$$2 + -8$$

EXAMPLE WITH TWO-COLOR COUNTERS



Teacher **Let's add integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?**

Students A positive or negative whole number.

Teacher **Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?**

Students It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.

Teacher **We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.**

(Draw +.)

Teacher **We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?**

Students When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.

Teacher **How do you know a number is negative?**

Students It has a negative sign.

Teacher **We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.**

(Draw -.)

Teacher **Let's work on adding with these two-color counters.**

(Show counters.)

Teacher **With the two-color counters, the yellow side will represent positive integers. What does the yellow side represent?**

Students Positive.

Teacher **And the red side will represent negative integers. What does the red side represent?**

Students Negative.

(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we adding?
Students 2 plus -8.
Teacher So, let's start at the first addend. What's the first addend?
Students 2
Teacher Let's show the first addend with the two-color counters. How do we show 2?
Students Show 2 yellow counters.
Teacher Yes, we'll show 2 yellow counters.
 (Show counters.)
Teacher Now, let's add. What number do we add?
Students -8.
Teacher How do we show -8?
Students Show 8 red counters.
Teacher Yes, we'll show 8 red counters.
 (Show counters.)
Teacher Let's add the counters of the second addend to the counters of the first addend.
 (Add all counters together.)
Teacher Are the counters all the same color?
Students No!
Teacher When we have a mix of yellow and red counters, we'll make zero pairs until we only have all positive counters or all negative counters. What we will make?
Students Zero pairs.
Teacher A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?
Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.
Teacher So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?
Students 0.
Teacher Let's make zero pairs. I see a positive and a negative (place counters side-by-side). What did we create?
Students A zero pair.
Teacher We made a zero pair. We can remove this pair from our workspace.
 (Remove zero pair.)
Teacher Can we make another zero pair?
Students Yes!
Teacher We can make another zero pair. We can remove this pair from our workspace.
 (Remove zero pair.)
Teacher Can we make another zero pair?
Students No.
Teacher All of the counters are the same color. How many counters?
Students -6.
Teacher So, what's 2 plus -8?
Students -6.

Teacher 2 plus -8 equals -6. Let's say that together.

Students 2 plus -8 equals -6.

Teacher Nice job! Using the two-color counters helps you add integers. How can you use the two-color counters to add integers?

Students You show the first addend. Then, you add the second addend. You create zero pairs until all the counters are positive or negative. The sum is the remaining counters.

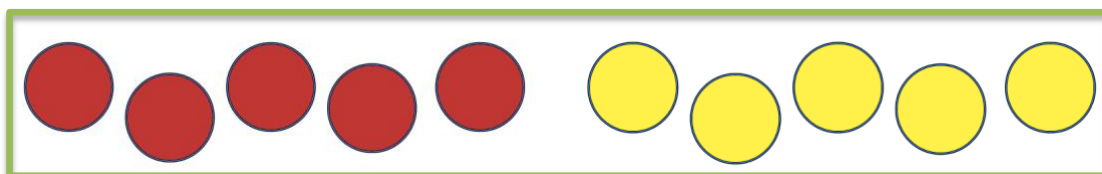
(4) Subtraction with Two-Color Counters

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 18 Problem Sets](#)
- [Module 18 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- A hands-on tool or manipulative like two-color counters or multi-colored cubes

ROUTINE WITH TWO-COLOR COUNTERS



- Teacher** Let's subtract integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
- Students** A positive or negative whole number.
- Teacher** Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
- Students** It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.
- Teacher** We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)
- Teacher** We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?
- Students** When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.
- Teacher** How do you know a number is negative?
- Students** It has a negative sign.
- Teacher** We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)
- Teacher** Let's work on subtracting with these two-color counters.
(Show counters.)
- Teacher** With the two-color counters, the yellow side will represent positive integers. What does the yellow side represent?
- Students** Positive.
- Teacher** And the red side will represent negative integers. What does the red side represent?
- Students** Negative.
(Show problem.)
- Teacher** What numbers are we subtracting?
- Students** ___ minus ___.
- Teacher** So, let's start with the minuend. What's the minuend?

Students ____.

Teacher **Let's show the minuend with the two-color counters. How do we show ____ (minuend)?**

Students Show ____ yellow/red counters.

Teacher **Yes, we'll show ____ yellow/red counters.**
(Show counters.)

Teacher **Now, let's subtract. What's the subtrahend?**

Students ____.

Teacher **We need to subtract ____ (subtrahend). Look at the minuend. Do we have ____ positive/negative counters to subtract or take away ____ (subtrahend) counters?**

Students *OPTION 1:* Yes!
OPTION 2: No!

Teacher ***OPTION 2:* We don't have enough positive/negative counters to subtract the minuend. We can make zero pairs until we have enough counters to subtract the ____ (subtrahend) counters. What we will make?**

Students Zero pairs.

Teacher **A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?**

Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher **So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?**

Students 0.

Teacher **Let's make zero pairs for our workspace. Let's add one zero pair. What did we create?**

Students A zero pair.

Teacher **We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.**
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher **Look at the counters. Do we have enough ____ (positive/negative) counters to subtract ____ (subtrahend) counters?**

Students Yes/no.

Teacher **We keep making zero pairs until we have enough positive/negative counters to subtract ____ (subtrahend) counters.**
(Continue making zero pairs until there are enough positive/negative counters to subtract.)

Teacher **Now, let's subtract the subtrahend. That means we'll subtract or take away ____ counters.**
(Subtract.)

Teacher **How many counters?**

Students ____.

Teacher So, what's __ minus __?
Students __.

Teacher __ minus __ equals __. Let's say that together.

Students __ minus __ equals __.

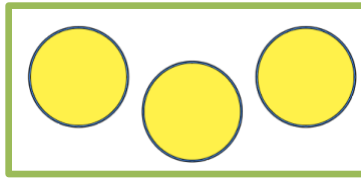
Teacher **Nice job! Using the two-color counters helps you subtract integers. How can you use the two-color counters to subtract integers?**

Students You show the minuend. Then, you subtract the subtrahend. If you don't have enough minuend counters to subtract, you can bring in zero pairs. Then, you subtract. The difference is the remaining counters.

Example

$$-1 - (-4)$$

EXAMPLE WITH TWO-COLOR COUNTERS



Teacher **Let's subtract integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?**

Students A positive or negative whole number.

Teacher **Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?**

Students It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.

Teacher **We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.**

(Draw +.)

Teacher **We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?**

Students When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.

Teacher **How do you know a number is negative?**

Students It has a negative sign.

Teacher **We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.**

(Draw -.)

Teacher **Let's work on subtracting with these two-color counters.**

(Show counters.)

Teacher **With the two-color counters, the yellow side will represent positive integers.**

What does the yellow side represent?

Students Positive.

Teacher **And the red side will represent negative integers. What does the red side represent?**

Students Negative.
(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we subtracting?

Students -1 minus -4.

Teacher So, let's start with the minuend. What's the minuend?

Students -1.

Teacher Let's show the minuend with the two-color counters. How do we show -1?

Students Show 1 red counter.

Teacher Yes, we'll show 1 red counter.
(Show counter.)

Teacher Now, let's subtract. What's the subtrahend?

Students -4.

Teacher We need to subtract -4 or 4 red counters. Look at the minuend. Do we have enough negative counters to subtract or take away 4 counters?

Students No!

Teacher We don't have enough negative counters to subtract the minuend. We can make zero pairs until we have enough counters to subtract the 4 counters. What we will make?

Students Zero pairs.

Teacher A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?

Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?

Students 0.

Teacher Let's make zero pairs for our workspace. Let's add one zero pair. What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the counters. Now we have 2 negative counters. Do we have enough negative counters to subtract 4 counters?

Students No.

Teacher Let's add another zero pair. What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the counters. Now we have 3 negative counters. Do we have enough negative counters to subtract 4 counters?

Students No.

Teacher Let's add another zero pair. What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the counters. Now we have 4 negative counters. Do we have enough negative counters to subtract 4 counters?

Students Yes!

Teacher Now, let's subtract the subtrahend. That means we'll subtract or take away 4 red counters.
(Subtract.)

Teacher How many counters do we have now?

Students 3.

Teacher So, what's -1 minus -4?

Students 3.

Teacher -1 minus -4 equals 3. Let's say that together.

Students -1 minus -4 equals 3.

Teacher Nice job! Using the two-color counters helps you subtract integers. How can you use the two-color counters to subtract integers?

Students You show the minuend. Then, you subtract the subtrahend. If you don't have enough minuend counters to subtract, you can bring in zero pairs. Then, you subtract. The difference is the remaining counters.

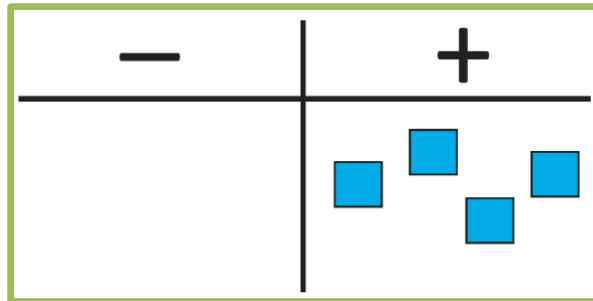
(5) Addition with Positive and Negative Mat with Cubes

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 18 Problem Sets](#)
- [Module 18 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- A hands-on tool or manipulative like cubes or paperclips

ROUTINE WITH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MAT



- Teacher** Let's add integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
- Students** A positive or negative whole number.
- Teacher** Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
- Students** It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.
- Teacher** We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)
- Teacher** We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?
- Students** When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.
- Teacher** How do you know a number is negative?
- Students** It has a negative sign.
- Teacher** We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)
- Teacher** Let's work on adding with this positive and negative mat and these cubes.
(Show mat and cubes.)
- Teacher** With the mat, we'll place positive integers on the positive side. Where will we place positive integers?
- Students** Positive side.
- Teacher** And we'll place negative integers on the negative side. Where will we place negative integers?
- Students** Negative side.

(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we adding?
Students ___ plus ___.

Teacher So, let's start at the first addend. What's the first addend?
Students ___.

Teacher Let's show the first addend with the cubes. How do we show ___ (first addend)?
Students Show ___ cubes on the positive/negative side.

Teacher Yes, we'll show ___ cubes on the positive/negative side of the mat. (Show cubes.)

Teacher Now, let's add. What number do we add?
Students ___.

Teacher Let's add the second addend to the first. How do we show ___ (second addend)?
Students Show ___ cubes on the positive/negative side.

Teacher Yes, we'll show ___ cubes on the positive/negative side of the mat. (Show cubes.)

Teacher Are the cubes on the same side of the mat?
Students *OPTION 1:* Yes!
OPTION 2: No!

Teacher *OPTION 2:* When we have cubes on the positive side and negative side, we'll make zero pairs until we only have all positive cubes or all negative cubes. What we will make?
Students Zero pairs.

Teacher A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?
Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?
Students 0.

Teacher Let's make zero pairs. I see a positive and a negative (place cubes side-by-side). What did we create?
Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. We can remove this pair from our workspace. (Remove zero pair.)

Teacher Can we make another zero pair?
 (Continue removing zero pairs until there are no more zero pairs.)

Teacher All of the cubes are on the same side of the mat. How many cubes?
Students ___.

Teacher So, what's ___ plus ___?
Students ___.

Teacher ___ plus ___ equals ___. Let's say that together.

Students ___ plus ___ equals ___.

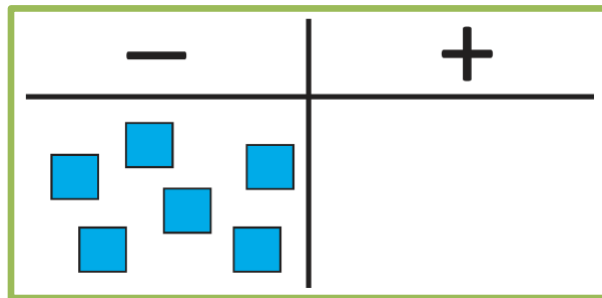
Teacher **Nice job! Using the mat and cubes helps you add integers. How can you use the mat and cubes to add integers?**

Students You show the first addend. Then, you add the second addend. You create zero pairs until all the cubes are positive or negative. The sum is the remaining cubes.

Example

$$2 + (-7)$$

EXAMPLE WITH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MAT



Teacher **Let's add integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?**

Students A positive or negative whole number.

Teacher **Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?**

Students It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.

Teacher **We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.**

(Draw +.)

Teacher **We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?**

Students When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.

Teacher **How do you know a number is negative?**

Students It has a negative sign.

Teacher **We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.**

(Draw -.)

Teacher **Let's work on adding with this positive and negative mat and these cubes. (Show mat and cubes.)**

Teacher **With the mat, we'll place positive integers on the positive side. Where will we place positive integers?**

Students Positive side.

Teacher And we'll place negative integers on the negative side. Where will we place negative integers?

Students Negative side.
(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we adding?

Students 2 plus -7.

Teacher So, let's start at the first addend. What's the first addend?

Students 2.

Teacher Let's show the first addend with the cubes. How do we show 2?

Students Show 2 cubes on the positive side.

Teacher Yes, we'll show 2 cubes on the positive side of the mat.
(Show cubes.)

Teacher Now, let's add. What number do we add?

Students -7.

Teacher Let's add the second addend to the first. How do we show -7?

Students Show 7 cubes on the negative side.

Teacher Yes, we'll show 7 cubes on the negative side of the mat.
(Show cubes.)

Teacher Are the cubes on the same side of the mat?

Students No!

Teacher When we have cubes on both the positive side and negative side, we'll make zero pairs until we only have all positive cubes or all negative cubes. What we will make?

Students Zero pairs.

Teacher A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?

Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?

Students 0.

Teacher Let's make zero pairs. I see a positive and a negative (place cubes side-by-side). What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. We can remove this pair from our workspace.
(Remove zero pair.)

Teacher Can we make another zero pair?

Students Yes!

Teacher Let's make another zero pair. I see a positive and a negative (place cubes side-by-side). What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. We can remove this pair from our workspace.
(Remove zero pair.)

Teacher Can we make another zero pair?

Students No!

Teacher All of the cubes are on the same side of the mat. How many cubes?

Students

-5.

Teacher

So, what's 2 plus -7?

Students

-5.

Teacher

2 plus -7 equals -5. Let's say that together.

Students

2 plus -7 equals -5.

Teacher

Nice job! Using the mat and cubes helps you add integers. How can you use the mat and cubes to add integers?

Students

You show the first addend. Then, you add the second addend. You create zero pairs until all the cubes are positive or negative. The sum is the remaining cubes.

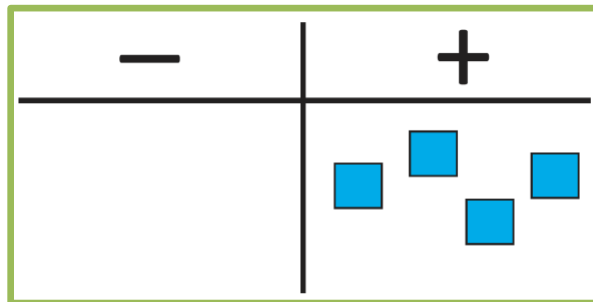
(6) Subtraction with Positive and Negative Mat with Cubes

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 18 Problem Sets](#)
- [Module 18 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- A hands-on tool or manipulative like cubes or paperclips

ROUTINE WITH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MAT



- Teacher** Let's subtract integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?
- Students** A positive or negative whole number.
- Teacher** Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?
- Students** It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.
- Teacher** We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.
(Draw +.)
- Teacher** We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?
- Students** When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.
- Teacher** How do you know a number is negative?
- Students** It has a negative sign.
- Teacher** We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.
(Draw -.)
- Teacher** Let's work on subtracting with this positive and negative mat and these cubes.
(Show mat and cubes.)
- Teacher** With the mat, we'll place positive integers on the positive side. Where will we place positive integers?
- Students** Positive side.
- Teacher** And we'll place negative integers on the negative side. Where will we place negative integers?

Students Negative side.
(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we subtracting?

Students ___ minus ___.

Teacher So, let's start at the minuend. What's the minuend?

Students ___.

Teacher Let's show the minuend with the cubes. How do we show ___ (minuend)?

Students Show ___ cubes on the positive/negative side.

Teacher Yes, we'll show ___ cubes on the positive/negative side of the mat.
(Show cubes.)

Teacher Now, let's subtract. What's the subtrahend?

Students ___.

Teacher We need to subtract how many ___ positive/negative cubes?

Students ___.

Teacher So, look at the mat. Do you have enough positive/negative cubes to subtract ___ positive/negative cubes?

Students *OPTION 1:* Yes.
OPTION 2: No.

Teacher *OPTION 2:* We don't have enough positive/negative cubes to subtract the minuend. We can make zero pairs until we have enough cubes to subtract the ___ (subtrahend) cubes. What we will make?

Students Zero pairs.

Teacher A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?

Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?

Students 0.

Teacher Let's make zero pairs for our workspace. Let's add one zero pair. What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the cubes. Do we have enough ___ (positive/negative) cubes to subtract ___ (subtrahend) cubes?

Students Yes/no.

Teacher We keep making zero pairs until we have enough positive/negative cubes to subtract ___ (subtrahend) cubes.
(Continue making zero pairs until there are enough positive/negative cubes to subtract.)

Teacher Now, let's subtract the subtrahend. That means we'll subtract or take away ___ cubes.
(Subtract.)

Teacher
Students
Teacher
Students
Teacher
Students
Teacher
Students

How many cubes remaining?

__.

So, what's __ minus __?

__.

__ minus __ equals __. Let's say that together.

__ minus __ equals __.

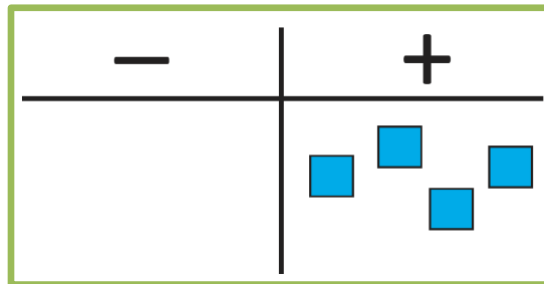
Nice job! Using the mat and cubes helps you subtract integers. How can you use the mat and cubes to subtract integers?

You show the minuend. Then, you subtract the subtrahend. If you don't have enough minuend counters to subtract, you can bring in zero pairs. Then, you subtract. The difference is the remaining cubes.

Example

$$1 - (-3)$$

EXAMPLE WITH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MAT



Teacher
Students
Teacher
Students
Teacher
Teacher
Students
Teacher
Students
Teacher

Let's subtract integers. An integer is a positive or negative whole number. What's an integer?

A positive or negative whole number.

Let's think about a positive number. How do you know a number is positive?

It has a positive sign or it doesn't have a sign in front of the number.

We know a number is positive if the positive sign is directly in front of a number. The positive sign is a smaller plus sign.

(Draw +.)

We assume a number is positive if there is not a negative sign directly in front of a number. When do we assume a number is positive?

When there is not a negative sign directly in front of the number.

How do you know a number is negative?

It has a negative sign.

We know a number is negative if there is a negative sign directly in front of a number. The negative sign is a smaller minus sign.

(Draw -.)

Teacher Let's work on subtracting with this positive and negative mat and these cubes.
(Show mat and cubes.)

Teacher With the mat, we'll place positive integers on the positive side. Where will we place positive integers?

Students Positive side.

Teacher And we'll place negative integers on the negative side. Where will we place negative integers?

Students Negative side.
(Show problem.)

Teacher What numbers are we subtracting?

Students 1 minus -3.

Teacher So, let's start at the minuend. What's the minuend?

Students 1.

Teacher Let's show the minuend with the cubes. How do we show 1?

Students Show 1 cube on the positive side of the mat.

Teacher Yes, we'll show 1 cube on the positive side of the mat.
(Show cube.)

Teacher Now, let's subtract. What's the subtrahend?

Students -3.

Teacher We need to subtract how many negative cubes?

Students 3.

Teacher So, look at the mat. Do you have enough negative cubes to subtract 3 negative cubes?

Students No.

Teacher We don't have enough negative cubes to subtract the minuend. We can make zero pairs until we have enough cubes to subtract the 3 negative cubes. What we will make?

Students Zero pairs.

Teacher A zero pair is when you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero. What's a zero pair?

Students When you add a positive number and its opposite. The sum is zero.

Teacher So, positive 1 and negative 1 equals 0. What's +1 and -1?

Students 0.

Teacher Let's make zero pairs for our workspace. Let's add one zero pair. What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the cubes. Do we have enough negative cubes to subtract 3 cubes?

Students No.

Teacher Let's add another zero pair. What did we create?

Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.

(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the cubes. Now we have 2 negative cubes. Do we have enough negative cubes to subtract 3 cubes?
No.

Teacher Let's add another zero pair. What did we create?
Students A zero pair.

Teacher We made a zero pair. Let's bring that zero pair to the workspace.
(Add zero pair.)

Teacher Look at the cubes. Now we have 3 negative cubes. Do we have enough negative cubes to subtract 3 cubes?
Students Yes!

Teacher Now, let's subtract the subtrahend. That means we'll subtract or take away 3 negative cubes.
(Subtract.)

Teacher How many cubes remaining?
Students 4.

Teacher So, what's 1 minus -3?
Students 4.

Teacher 1 minus -3 equals 4. Let's say that together.
Students 1 minus -3 equals 4.

Teacher Nice job! Using the mat and cubes helps you subtract integers. How can you use the mat and cubes to subtract integers?
Students You show the minuend. Then, you subtract the subtrahend. If you don't have enough minuend counters to subtract, you can bring in zero pairs. Then, you subtract. The difference is the remaining cubes.

D. Problems for Use During Instruction

[See Module 18 Problem Sets.](#)

E. Vocabulary Cards for Use During Instruction

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Module 18: Addition and Subtraction of Integers

Problem Sets

- A. Positive integer plus negative integer (20)
- B. Negative integer plus positive integer (20)
- C. Negative integer plus negative integer (20)
- D. Positive integer minus negative integer (20)
- E. Negative integer minus positive integer (20)
- F. Negative integer minus negative integer (20)

A.

$$3 + (-8)$$

A.

$$6 + (-4)$$

A.

$$7 + (-2)$$

A.

$$5 + (-10)$$

A.

$$9 + (-1)$$

A.

$$2 + (-5)$$

A.

$$6 + (-3)$$

A.

$$7 + (-8)$$

A.

$$4 + (-2)$$

A.

$$17 + (-12)$$

A.

$$5 + (-5)$$

A.

$$11 + (-15)$$

A.

$$8 + (-4)$$

A.

$$14 + (-8)$$

A.

$$7 + (-1)$$

A.

$$12 + (-3)$$

A.

$$1 + (-6)$$

A.

$$4 + (-5)$$

A.

$$2 + (-3)$$

A.

$$0 + (-9)$$

B.

$$(-1) + 5$$

B.

$$(-3) + 6$$

B.

$$(-9) + 2$$

B.

$$(-4) + 3$$

B.

$$(-7) + 8$$

B.

$$(-8) + 6$$

B.

$$(-5) + 4$$

B.

$$(-6) + 10$$

B.

$$(-6) + 3$$

B.

$$(-10) + 5$$

B.

$$(-2) + 2$$

B.

$$(-7) + 8$$

B.

$$(-19) + 13$$

B.

$$(-12) + 3$$

B.

$$(-14) + 6$$

B.

$$(-1 \ 1) + 8$$

B.

$$(-15) + 4$$

B.

$$(-5) + 4$$

B.

$$(-2) + 0$$

B.

$$(-8) + 1$$

c.

$$(-2) + (-3)$$

c.

$$(-6) + (-1)$$

c.

$$(-8) + (-4)$$

c.

$$(-9) + (-9)$$

c.

$$(-5) + (-7)$$

c.

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$$(-2) + (-15)$$

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$$(-16) + (-3)$$

c.

$$(-7) + (-14)$$

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$$(-12) + (-4)$$

c.

$$(-13) + (-9)$$

c.

$$(-17) + (-4)$$

c.

$$(-16) + (-8)$$

D.

$$3 - (-8)$$

D.

$$6 - (-4)$$

D.

$$8 - (-2)$$

D.

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$$9 - (-1)$$

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$$0 - (-9)$$

E.

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E.

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F.

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$$(-7) - (-14)$$

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$$(-12) - (-4)$$

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$$(-13) - (-9)$$

F.

$$(-17) - (-4)$$

F.

$$(-16) - (-8)$$

Module 18:

Addition and Subtraction of Integers

Vocabulary Cards

absolute value

addend

difference

integer

minuend

negative number

number line

opposites

positive number

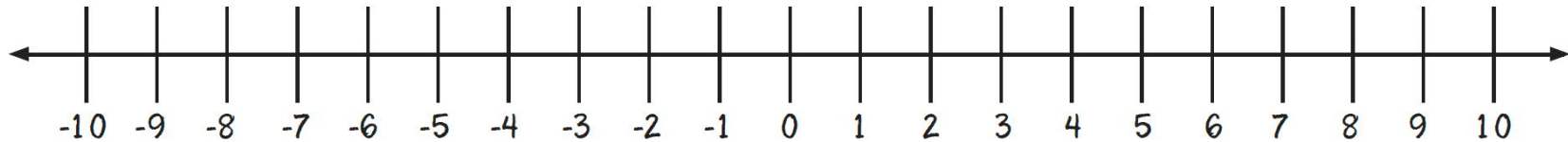
subtrahend

sum

zero pair

absolute value

The distance of a number from 0 on a number line.



addend

Any numbers added together.

$$6 + 2 = 8$$

6 and **2** are addends

difference

The result of subtracting one number from another number.

$$6 - 4 = 2$$

2 is the **difference**

integer

A positive or negative whole number.

-3

-2

-1

1

2

3

minuend

The number from which another number is subtracted.

$$9 - 4 = 5$$

9 is the **minuend**

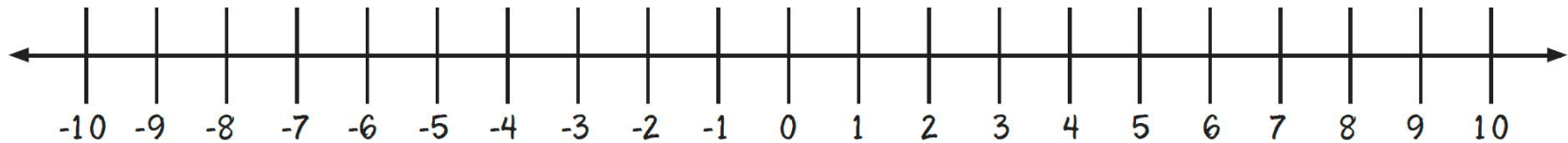
negative number

Any number less than 0.

-3 **-2** **-1**

number line

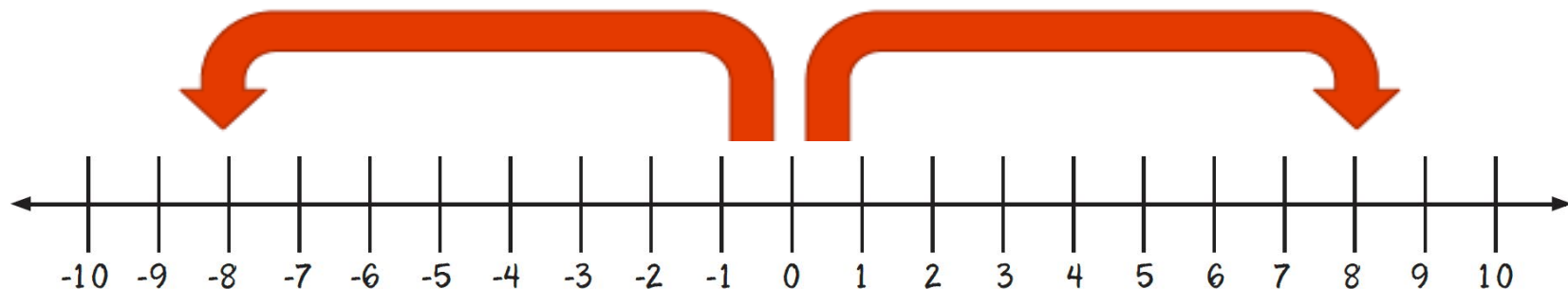
A straight line with numbers placed at equal intervals along its length.



opposites

Two numbers that are equal distance from 0 on a number line.

-8 and **8** are opposites



positive number

Any number greater than 0.

1

2

3

subtrahend

The number to be subtracted.

$$9 - 4 = 5$$

4 is the **subtrahend**

sum

The result of adding two or more numbers or the total number when you combine sets.

$$7 + 2 + 1 = 10$$

10 is the sum

zero pair

A pair of numbers with a sum of 0.

$$-7 + 7 = 0$$