## Maths

## Number and Place Value

## Need a coherently planned sequence of lessons to complement this resource?



See our Number and Place Value Steps to Progression document.

## Count Forwarrds and

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## Aim

- To count forwards and backwards through zero.


## Success Criteria

- I can use a number line to count forwards and backwards through zero.
- I can use negative numbers when counting through zero.


## Remember It

Match the powers of 10 to the correct answers. Find the odd one out.


## Counting Forwards

What would be the next number you would count on each line?


## Counting Backwards

What would be the next number you would count on each line?


## Counting Through Zero

What happens if we are counting backwards and we get to 0 ?


We can keep counting backwards using negative numbers.

## Counting Through Zero

Negative numbers are numbers below 0 .
They are expressed with a subtraction sign before the number, like this: -3

We can use negative numbers to describe values on scales that go below 0 , such as temperature scales, or to express an absence or opposite of something.

Negative numbers are the opposite of positive numbers. Positive numbers increase above zero and negative numbers decrease below zero. As you move in steps further away from zero, the digits get bigger but in fact, the number is getting smaller.


## Counting Through Zero

Let's try another one.


Start at 18, then count back to 13,8 and then 3 .

What are the first four negative numbers in the sequence?

Count through zero into the negative numbers, counting -2 first, then $-7,-12$ and -17 .

## Counting Through Zero

David says the difference between the two temperatures is $9^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Is David's statement true or false? Explain your answer fully.

The answer is 15 degrees, not 9 as David suggested.


- $12+3=15$



## Counting Through Zero

The arrows on the number line represent negative numbers.


We know $B$ is -2 because it is halfway between $A$ and $C$.


## Race to Zero

Play this game with a partner. You will need a Negative Number Line, a Race to Zero Activity Sheet and a set of Race to Zero Cards.


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## Race to Zero

The aim of this game is to be the first player to hit 0 exactly. You will be counting forwards and backwards along the number line.

One player should start at one end of the number line, and the other player should start at the other end of the number line.

Take turns to draw a Race to Zero Card. Follow the instructions on the card, counting the given number of steps forwards or backwards.

If counting the given number of steps means that you fall off the end of the number line, you should miss a go.


## Race to Zero

Keep a record of the steps you take to reach 0 in a table with two columns: Counting Instruction and New Number.


## Diving into Mastery

Dive in by completing your own activity!


## Counting Challenge

Use your Negative Number Line to set your partner a counting challenge!

Give them a starting number, a direction and a step.
For example, you might say, "Start at 13 and count backwards in fours." Or you could say, "Start at -26 and count forwards in sevens."

Take turns to complete the counting challenges.
You may use the Negative Number Line to help you.

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