Maths Mastery

Negative Numbers



Counting Negatively

Work with a partner. Challenge your partner by asking them to count by giving:

Starting number

Step

Direction

e.g. Count in 2's, from 5, backwards:

5, 3, 1, -1, -3, -5, -7.....

A good challenge is one where your partner gets most correct, but may need to really think.



True or False

Giving reasons, explain whether the following are true or false:

True

False - the answer is 5. The answer goes through 0, so +7 to 0, and +5 more to 5.

False - the answer is 12. The answer goes through 0, so +4 to 0, and +12 more to 12. False - the answer is 24° C. The answer goes through 0, so -7 to 0 is 7, and 0 to 17 is 17. 7 + 17 = 24.

Create your own similar questions for a partner.

Hide Answers



Order it

Order the following numbers from smallest to largest:

1. -24, -23, -12, -2, 13, 14, 34, 41

2. -12°C, -9°C, -7°C, -5°C, 0°C, 3°C, 9°C

3. -59, -23, -12, -1, 28, 45, 67, 78

Write some positive and negative numbers for a partner to order.



