

Word Problems Involving Negative Numbers

I can solve word problems involving negative numbers

Answer these questions. Adding numbers to the blank number lines may help you.

1. The temperature at 6 p.m. is 8°C , at 6 a.m. the next morning the temperature has dropped to -7°C . How many degrees has the temperature fallen by?

2. If you point to 11 on a number line and then count back 18, which number do you get to?

3. The elevator in a skyscraper travels from floor 19 to the underground car park on level -4. How many floors has it descended?

4. An overdraft is a facility which means you can have a negative amount of money in your bank account. If a saver had a balance of $-\text{£}19$ and then paid $\text{£}30$ into his bank account, how much would he have available to spend?

5. In a quiz, a team scores 2 points for each correct answer and loses 5 points for each wrong answer. From the start of a game, a team gets 4 questions in a row correct, but then gets two questions wrong. How many points do they have?

6. The temperature in New York is 4°C when the Christmas lights are switched on. By 9 a.m. the next day, the temperature has fallen by 11°C . What is the new temperature?

7. Mrs. Jones buys a pair of skis and pays for them with her debit card. The skis cost $\pounds 85$ and she had $\pounds 50$ in her account. What is her new balance?

8. Mr. Davies overspends during the month of September and goes $\pounds 247$ overdrawn. How much does he have left after his October wages of $\pounds 847$ are paid into his account?

Word Problems Involving Negative Numbers: Answers

| question | answer |
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| 1 | 15°C |
| 2 | -7 |
| 3 | 23 |
| 4 | £11 |
| 5 | -2 |
| 6 | -7°C |
| 7 | -£35 |
| 8 | £600 |