

Max's Magnificent Number Line: Mastering Negative Numbers

Dive below zero with Max the Math Monkey and discover the hidden world of negative numbers!

- The number zero is the dividing point; numbers to the right are positive, while numbers to the left of zero are negative.
- When comparing two negative numbers, the one closest to zero is actually the larger value (e.g., -2 is greater than -10).
- To find the difference between a negative and a positive number, count the jumps along the number line until you reach your target.
- If the temperature is 3°C and it drops by 5 degrees, you pass through zero to arrive at -2°C.
- Negative integers are always written with a minus sign (-) in front of the digit to distinguish them from positive values.

Did you know? Did you know? Negative numbers aren't just for math class! They are used by meteorologists to track freezing temperatures in the Arctic, and by deep-sea explorers to measure how many metres they have descended below the surface of the ocean.

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