

Max's Magnificent Number Line: Navigating Negative Numbers

Dive into the depths with Max the Monkey—where numbers go below zero!

- The number zero is neither positive nor negative; it is the neutral starting point on our number line.
- Numbers to the left of zero are negative, and they get smaller in value as they move further away from zero (e.g., -10 is smaller than -2).
- When adding a negative number, you move to the left on the number line; when subtracting a negative number, you move to the right.
- To find the difference between two negative numbers, such as -5 and -2, count the intervals between them on the number line.
- In a bank account, a negative balance (represented as -£10.00) means you owe money, while a positive balance means you have money to spend.

Did you know? Did you know that negative numbers are essential for measuring temperatures below freezing? If it is 3°C in the morning and the temperature drops by 5°C by midnight, you have crossed zero to reach -2°C!

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