

We will represent<sup>1</sup> quantities using positive and negative numbers.

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What are we going to do?

What does *represent* mean?

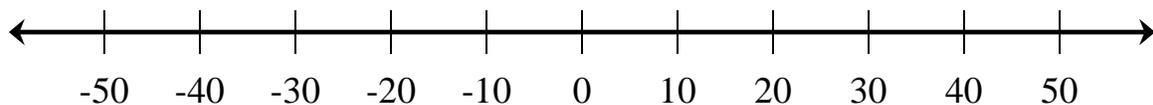
*Represent* means \_\_\_\_\_.

## Activate Prior Knowledge

A **number line** shows the order of numbers based on their value.

Locate the number on the number line that represents **40 positive units** from zero.

Locate the number on the number line that represents **20 negative units** from zero.



## Make Connection

Students, you already know how to work with positive and negative numbers on a number line. Now, we will use this knowledge to represent quantities using positive and negative numbers.

## Vocabulary

<sup>1</sup> show

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Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge); use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of zero in each situation.

Lesson to be used by EDI-trained teachers only.

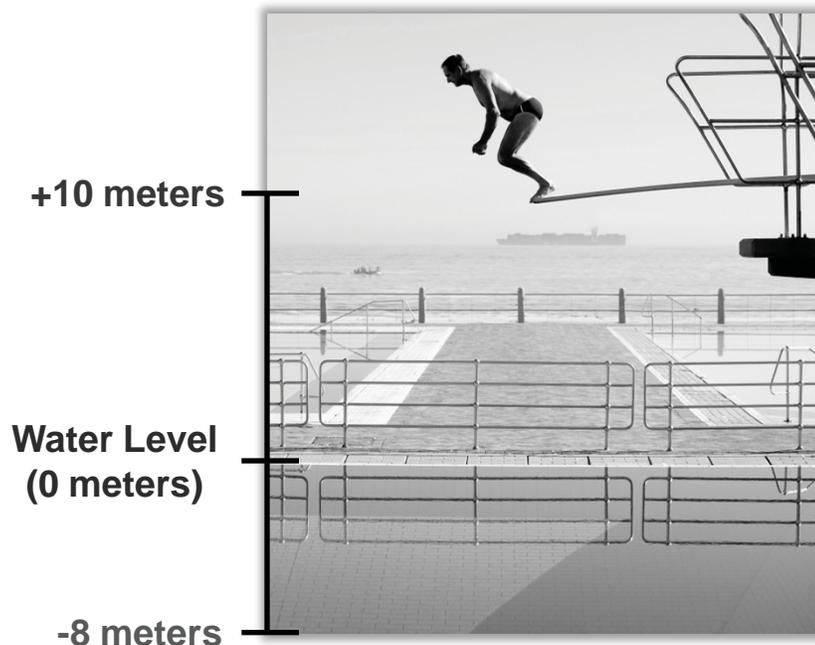
A **quantity** is a measured amount.

**Quantities** can be measured using **positive** or **negative numbers**.

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## Positive and Negative Numbers

Juan is practicing diving. He dives from the **10-meter** platform, and sinks to about **8 meters deep** in the pool.



Juan's position before the dive is **10 meters**.

Juan's position after the dive is **-8 meters**.

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Which example can be represented using a positive number? How do you know?

Which example can be represented using a negative number? How do you know?

What quantity is shown by the third example?

- A Mt. George is 1200 feet above sea level.
- B A large fish was seen about 10 feet below sea level.
- C A boat is floating on the sea.

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- 2 Identify<sub>2</sub> the quantities in the word problem. (underline)
- 3 Represent the quantity using positive or negative numbers.  
Hint: Compare the numbers to zero.
- 4 Explain what zero means in the problem. (draw sketch)

1. Last summer, the high temperature was 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Today in winter, the high temperature is 10 degrees below zero F.

Summer's temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter's temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The weatherman said today's high temperature would be only 45 degrees. Tomorrow the temperature is expected to drop to 5 degrees below zero.

Today's temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tomorrow's temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Death Valley, Calif., is the lowest area in the U.S. at 282 feet below sea level. Mt. Whitney is the highest area in the U.S. at 14,505 feet above sea level.

Death Valley's position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. Whitney's position: \_\_\_\_\_

4. The pilot radioed that his airplane was at 10,000 feet.

The submarine captain said his ship was at a depth of 2,000 feet.

The airplane's position: \_\_\_\_\_

The submarine's position: \_\_\_\_\_



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<sup>2</sup> find (synonym)

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5. Maria made two bank transactions<sub>3</sub> today – a deposit of \$25 and a withdrawal of \$10.

First transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Second transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Magda made a deposit of \$120 in her bank account. Then she wrote a check to pay \$110 for her cell phone bill.

First transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Second transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Blaine's car battery needs 4 more volts of electricity to be fully charged. The battery won't work if the voltage drops by 3 volts.

Voltage needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Voltage drop: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Adam's toy car needs a total of 3 volts of charge from its 2 batteries. Battery A has 1.7 volts, but Battery B has lost one volt.

Battery A voltage: \_\_\_\_\_

Battery B voltage: \_\_\_\_\_



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**1** *Representing quantities using positive and negative numbers will help you manage your world better.*

You will be able to adjust your clothing for temperature, adjust your direction up or down, balance your bank account, and understand how electricity works.

**2** *Representing quantities using positive and negative numbers will help you do well on tests.*

**Sample Test Question:**

32. The Cake Factory bakes cakes for a grocery chain. All cakes must be within 3 ounces of the target weight of 30 ounces. Cakes were assigned a negative number if they were below 30 ounces and a positive number if above 30 ounces.

Which cake weights below would be accepted?

- A A cake with a reading of -1.2 oz.
- B A cake with a reading of 2.7 oz.
- C A cake with a reading of -5.3 oz.
- D A cake with a reading of 3.1 oz.

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Does anyone else have another reason why it is relevant to represent quantities using positive and negative numbers? (Pair-Share) Why is it relevant to represent quantities using positive and negative numbers? You may give one of my reasons or one of your own. Which reason is more relevant to you? Why?

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### Word Bank

quantity  
measured  
positive  
negative  
numbers  
zero

1. The temperature in the grocery store was 70 degrees. But the temperature in the walk-in freezer was 15 degrees below zero.

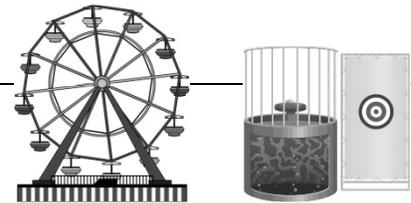
Store's temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

Freezer's temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

2. At the carnival, the Ferris wheel was 30 feet high. The water in the dunk tank, however, was 4 feet below the ground.

Ferris wheel: \_\_\_\_\_

Dunk tank: \_\_\_\_\_



### Access Common Core

The school's swimming pool was 14 feet deep and the diving board was 3 feet above the water. Charles said these quantities could be represented with positive and negative numbers as 14 and -3. Do you agree? Explain.

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### Summary Closure

What did you learn today about representing quantities using positive or negative numbers? (Pair-Share) Use words from the word bank.

Day 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Day 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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1. The refrigerator keeps food at about 4 degrees Celsius, while the freezer keeps them at about 18 degrees below zero Celsius.

Refrigerator temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

Freezer temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

2. To make iced tea, you need to boil water at 104 degrees Celsius, and freeze ice cubes at 4 degrees below zero Celsius.

Boiling water: \_\_\_\_\_

Freezing ice cubes: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The latest poll showed the presidential candidate was up 12 points in the East, but down 15 points in the West.

Poll rating in East: \_\_\_\_\_

Poll rating in West: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Polls showed that the number of people favoring the new immigration law went up 12% this month, and the number against the law went down 10%.

Number of people in favor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people against: \_\_\_\_\_



1. When building a house, the plumbing pipes are set 3 feet deep in the ground, and allowed to rise up in the air about 2 feet.

Above ground: \_\_\_\_\_

Below ground: \_\_\_\_\_

2. A 30-foot high oak tree was found to have 15-foot deep roots, giving it strength and stability.

Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Roots: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:**

Use an integer to describe each situation above.



**Access Common Core**

Determine whether these statements correctly represent quantities as positive or negative numbers.

Statement	Represented as a Pos. or Neg. Number	Yes or No
1. The hot air balloon went 200 feet high.	- 200 feet	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. The scuba diver explored a 300-foot depth.	- 300 feet	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3. The aluminum melted at 1220 degrees F.	-1220 degrees	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
4. George missed 3 hours of work today.	3 hours	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. Construction of the tall building started with a 20-foot deep foundation.	- 20 feet	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6. John got \$1.00 off on his tickets for the movie.	\$1.00	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No