

Negative Numbers

Concept — ANSWER KEY

Below zero on the number line.

Think: On the number line, LEFT is smaller. -7 is smaller than -2 because it is further left.

1. Answers with the thinking.

- 1) Which number is SMALLER: -9 or 0? **-9**

↳ -9 is below zero

- 3) Compute: $1 - 4 = ?$ **-3**

↳ go 4 steps left from 1

- 5) Compute: $6 - 15 = ?$ **-9**

↳ go 15 steps left from 6

- 7) Compute: $1 - 8 = ?$ **-7**

↳ go 8 steps left from 1

- 9) Which number is SMALLER: -8 or 2? **-8**

↳ -8 is below zero

- 11) Which number is SMALLER: -7 or 8? **-7**

↳ -7 is below zero

- 2) Compute: $1 - 2 = ?$ **-1**

↳ go 2 steps left from 1

- 4) Compute: $5 - 12 = ?$ **-7**

↳ go 12 steps left from 5

- 6) Which number is SMALLER: -5 or 2? **-5**

↳ -5 is below zero

- 8) Which number is SMALLER: -9 or 6? **-9**

↳ -9 is below zero

- 10) Which number is SMALLER: -6 or -12? **-12**

↳ further below zero is smaller

- 12) Which number is SMALLER: -3 or 8? **-3**

↳ -3 is below zero