

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: -3 or -19 ? **-19**

↳ further below zero is smaller

3) Which number is SMALLER: -3 or 9 ? **-3**

↳ -3 is below zero

5) Which number is SMALLER: -5 or -16 ? **-16**

↳ further below zero is smaller

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

↳ further below zero is smaller

9) Which number is SMALLER: -3 or -16 ? **-16**

↳ further below zero is smaller

11) Which number is SMALLER: -3 or -15 ? **-15**

↳ further below zero is smaller

2) Which number is SMALLER: -6 or 3 ? **-6**

↳ -6 is below zero

4) Compute: $5 - 13 = ?$ **-8**

↳ go 13 steps left from 5

6) Which number is SMALLER: -5 or -13 ? **-13**

↳ further below zero is smaller

8) Compute: $6 - 11 = ?$ **-5**

↳ go 11 steps left from 6

10) Compute: $1 - 7 = ?$ **-6**

↳ go 7 steps left from 1

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

↳ -5 is below zero