

Number Line Moves

Use opposites and signed numbers to track location.

GRADE 6 • 6.NR.3

6.NR.3 "Solve a variety of problems involving whole numbers and their opposites; model rational numbers on a number line to describe problems presented in relevant, mathematical situations."

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THINK IN DIRECTIONS

Positive numbers are to the right of 0 on a number line, and negative numbers are to the left. Opposites are the same distance from 0 but on different sides. To combine moves, add rightward moves and subtract leftward moves.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Start at $-7/10$ on a number line.
Move $9/10$ unit to the right. Where do you land?

1. Write the move as addition: $-7/10 + 9/10$.
2. Combine the numerators: $2/10$.
3. Simplify $2/10$ to $1/5$.

Answer: $1/5$

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** What is the opposite of -16 ?

ANSWER _____

- 2** What rational number is $3/4$ unit to the left of 0 on a number line?

ANSWER _____

- 3** Start at -11 . Move 18 units to the right. Where do you land?

ANSWER _____

- 4** Order these numbers from least to greatest: $-5/6$, $2/3$, $-1/3$.

ANSWER _____

- 5** What is the distance between -13 and 6 on a number line?

ANSWER _____

- 6** A point is at $4/5$. What is the location of its opposite?

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** In a multiplayer game, Jordan's character starts at position -15 on a map. The character travels 22 spaces to the right. What is the character's final position?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** In a building game, a player starts at $-\frac{1}{4}$ on an elevation meter. The player moves $2\frac{3}{4}$ units to the right. What elevation is shown now?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Point P is at $-2\frac{2}{3}$ on a number line. Point Q is the opposite of P. Point R is $1\frac{1}{3}$ units to the right of Q. What is the location of R? Explain your reasoning.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	What is the opposite of -16?	16
2	What rational number is $\frac{3}{4}$ unit to the left of 0 on a number line?	$-\frac{3}{4}$
3	Start at -11. Move 18 units to the right. Where do you land?	7
4	Order these numbers from least to greatest: $-\frac{5}{6}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $-\frac{1}{3}$.	$-\frac{5}{6}$, $-\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$
5	What is the distance between -13 and 6 on a number line?	19
6	A point is at $\frac{4}{5}$. What is the location of its opposite?	$-\frac{4}{5}$

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 7** Add the rightward move to the starting position: $-15 + 22 = 7$. The character ends at position 7.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$** Add the move to the starting elevation: $-\frac{1}{4} + 2\frac{3}{4} = 2\frac{1}{2}$. The new elevation is $2\frac{1}{2}$.

CHALLENGE

R is at 4. Q is at $2\frac{2}{3}$, and $2\frac{2}{3} + 1\frac{1}{3} = 4$.

Accept equivalent fraction forms, such as $\frac{5}{2}$ for $2\frac{1}{2}$. A positive sign is optional for positive answers.