

Backward Number Steps

Students say counting-back sequences and mark the next number.

1.NS.1.b "Count backward orally by ones when given any number between 1 and 30."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	17	19	16
b	24	26	25
c	8	10	9

2 WRITE IT _____

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and pause so students can count backward by ones before marking. Listen for each student to say the number that comes next when counting backward from numbers between 1 and 30.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “For each row, count backward aloud by ones from the number I say. Then listen to the choices and circle the number that comes next.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Start at 18 and count backward by ones. Which number comes next: 17, 19, or 16? Circle it.	17
b	Start at 26 and count backward by ones. Which number comes next: 24, 26, or 25? Circle it.	25
c	Start at 10 and count backward by ones. Which number comes next: 8, 10, or 9? Circle it.	9

PART 2 • WRITE IT

SAY “For each box, I will read the number beside it. Count backward aloud by ones from that number. What number comes next? Write that number in the box.”

- Box 1 (beside 15): **14**
- Box 2 (beside 30): **29**
- Box 3 (beside 6): **5**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle row answers are 17, 25, and 9. Accept written answers 14, 29, and 5 when the student can also say the backward count by ones.