

Backward Number Steps

Listen, count backward, and mark the next number.

K.NS.1.f "Count backward orally by ones when given any number between 1 and 20."

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

1 CIRCLE NEXT _____

a	15	19	14	17
b	10	9	13	11
c	3	5	4	2

2 WRITE NEXT _____

17	
9	
2	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Point to each row, say the prompt aloud, and listen as children count backward with you before they circle. A child shows this skill by saying numbers in reverse order, one number at a time, from a given starting number.

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 NEXT

SAY “Will you count backward with me, then circle the number you say next? Listen to each row and make one circle.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Will you start at 18 and count backward with me: 18, 17, 16? What number do you say next? The choices are 15, 19, 14, and 17. Which number will you circle?	15
b	Will you start at 12 and count backward with me: 12, 11, 10? What number do you say next? The choices are 10, 9, 13, and 11. Which number will you circle?	9
c	Will you start at 5 and count backward with me: 5, 4, 3? What number do you say next? The choices are 3, 5, 4, and 2. Which number will you circle?	2

PART 2 • WRITE NEXT

SAY “For each printed number, can you say that number and then say the number just before it? What number will you write in the empty box?”

- Box 1 (beside 17): **16**
- Box 2 (beside 9): **8**
- Box 3 (beside 2): **1**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle row answers are 15, 9, and 2. Accept written 16, 8, and 1 when the numeral is recognizable, and listen for the child to say each backward sequence aloud.