

Step Back Numbers

Students identify and write the number that comes just before a given number.

K.NS.1.h "State the number before, without counting, when given any number between 1 and 20."

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	6	7	9
b	14	16	13
c	19	18	20

2 WRITE IT _____

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and give students time to look at the large printed choices. This sheet checks whether students can state the number immediately before a number from 1 to 20 without counting aloud.

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 “I will read the numbers in each row. Listen for the number that comes right before the number I say, without counting aloud. Circle your answer.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The choices are 6, 7, and 9. What number comes right before 8? Circle it.	7
b	The choices are 14, 16, and 13. What number comes right before 15? Circle it.	14
c	The choices are 19, 18, and 20. What number comes right before 20? Circle it.	19

PART 2 • WRITE IT

SAY “Look at the printed number beside each box. What number comes right before that number, without counting aloud? Write your number in the box.”

- Box 1 (beside 4): **3**
- Box 2 (beside 11): **10**
- Box 3 (beside 17): **16**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle row answers are 7, 14, and 19. Accept clearly written numerals 3, 10, and 16 in the boxes.