Countdown Stops

Students count backward from 20 aloud, then circle or write the next number.

K.CC.1b "Count backwards by ones from 20."

NAME _____ DATE _____

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

1 CIRCLE NEXT

a | 14 | 16 | 13

b | 7 | 10 | 8

2 WRITE NEXT

13	
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ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the directions aloud and hear each child count backward by ones from 20 before they mark an answer. Use a small group or take turns so you can note counting accuracy and any support separately from the written answers.

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 "Count backward out loud from 20 for each row. When you reach the number I say, look at the choices."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Start at 20 and count backward out loud to 15. What number comes next? Circle it.	**14**
b	Start at 20 and count backward out loud to 9. What number comes next? Circle it.	**8**

PART 2 · WRITE NEXT

SAY "Start at 20 for each box. Count backward out loud until you reach the number beside the box. What number comes next? Write it in the box."

- Box 1 (beside 13): **12**
- Box 2 (beside 5): **4**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle 14 and 8; write 12 and 4. Check each child's spoken count from 20 to the stated stopping number, and record skipped numbers or teacher help separately.