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Introduction to Integers

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negative positive minus plus left right

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2. Integers that are less than zero are called _____ numbers.
3. On a number line, the numbers located the furthest to the _____ have the greatest value.

4. On a number line, the numbers _____ have the greatest value.

5. Negative numbers sometimes have a _____ sign before them.



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Now answer these questions.

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8. What is the smallest negative integer? Explain.

ANSWER KEY

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2. Integers that are less than zero are called **negative** numbers.
3. On a number line, the numbers located the furthest to the **right** have the greatest value.

4. On a number line, the numbers located the furthest to the **left** have the smallest value.



smallest

5. Negative numbers are sometimes written with a **minus** sign before them.

6. Positive numbers sometimes have a **plus** sign before them.

Now answer these questions.

7. Is it possible for a negative number to be greater than a positive number. Explain.

No, negative numbers are all less than positive numbers. All negative numbers are less than zero. All positive numbers are greater than zero.

8. What is the smallest negative integer? Explain.

There is no "smallest negative integer." You can have an infinite number of negative numbers.