WHAT ARE INTEGERS?

A Middle School Guide

INTEGERS are **WHOLE NUMBERS** that can be **POSITIVE, NEGATIVE, or ZERO.** No fractions! No decimals!

NEGATIVE INTEGERS (-)

Examples: -1, -2, -5, -10, -100
Less than zero. The "opposites" of counting numbers.
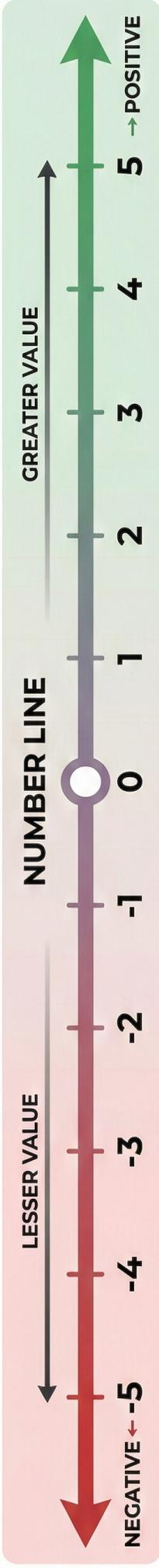
ZERO (0)

Neither positive nor negative. The center point.

POSITIVE INTEGERS (+)

Examples: 1, 2, 5, 10, 100
Greater than zero.
Also known as "counting numbers".

NUMBER LINE
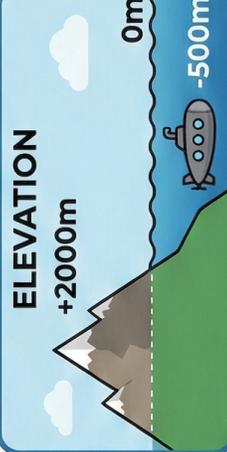
NEGATIVE ← -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 → POSITIVE

LESSER VALUE   GREATER VALUE

REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES

TEMPERATURE

20°C Positive
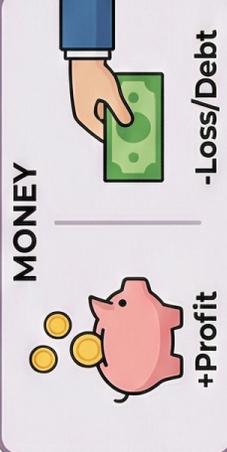-10°C Negative

ELEVATION

+2000m
0m
-500m

MONEY

+Profit
-Loss/Debt

GAME SCORES

+50 Points
-20 Points

+50 Points | -20 Points