Comparing and Ordering Integers

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Objective

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The student will: compare and order integers including finding their approximate locations on a number line.

Integers—Career Areas

- Quality control workers compare positive and negative numbers to tell whether a product is within desired limits.
- Knowing how to order integers can help you compare historical events.

What will we learn?

Concept Map





Use a number line

- To compare integers, plot the points on the number line, the number farther to the right is the larger number
- Compare 1 and -3

Since 1 is to the right of -3, 1 > -3 or Since -3 is to the left of 1, -3 < 1

Use a number line

- To order integers from least to greatest, draw a number line and plot the points.
- Order the integers -4, 7, 3, -2, and 1 from least to greatest.

Order the integers by reading from left to right.

Example: Statistics

Mars, Venus, and Mercury are the planets most like Earth. Find the median of the temperatures in the chart.

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PlanetAverage
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Temperature (F)List the temperatures in order

Earth 50 from least to greatest.

Mars (day) 72-300, -94, 50, 72, 800, 900

Mars (night) -94

Mercury (day) 800 There are 2 middle numbers,

Mercury (night) -30050 and 72. So the median is their

Venus 900average (50 + 72) or 61.

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The median temperature is 61 F.

Assessment

Practice

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