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Understanding Positive and Negative Numbers - Step-by-Step Lesson

Learning About Negatives:

1) If the temperature were to drop 47 degrees, which number would display this best?



a) 47

b) -147

c) 147

d) -47

Explanation:

Step 1) When the number is negative it means that the quantity is decreasing and if that quantity increase than the value is positive.

So if the temperature **drops** that means that the value is decreasing. It has to be a negative amount. That would leave us with a choice of b or d. The problem states a "47" degree change, so the answer is d) -47.

