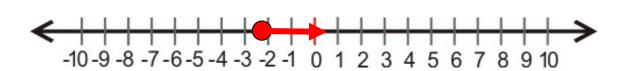
Using a Numbers Line to Subtract Lesson and Practice

Subtract the numbers on number line.

-2-(-3)



Steps for subtracting numbers on a number line:

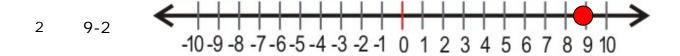
- 1. The Start is the first number of the problem.
- 2. Subtracting a negative number from a positive number: move right from the start.
- 3. Subtracting a positive number from a negative number: move left from the start.
- 4. Subtracting a negative number from a negative number: move right from the start.
- 5. Subtracting a positive number from a positive number: move left from the start.

Our first number is -2. The number to be subtracted is -3 which is negative. So, to subtract -3 from -2, move 3 places right from the starting point -2. We reach to the number 1.

Thus the answer is 1.

Practice Problems





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Answer Key

1 -10 2 7