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LESSON 7-3 · SESSION 2 · PRACTICE · FORM A

Absolute Value as Total Distance

Learning target – I can use absolute value to find the total distance between a negative and a positive reading. · 6.NS.C.7c

REMEMBER

- **Opposite sides of 0**: add the absolute values. From −8 to 3: 8 + 3 = 11.
- **Same side of 0**: subtract the smaller absolute value from the larger. From −12 to −5: 12 − 5 = 7.
- A distance is **never negative**. Sketch a number line to see where 0 is.

WORKED EXAMPLE

How far is it from −8 to 3 on a number line?

Step 1 0 is between −8 and 3, so they are on opposite sides.

Step 2 |−8| = 8 and |3| = 3.

Step 3 Add the distances: 8 + 3 = 11.

Answer **11 units**

WORDS **absolute value** *(valor absoluto)* · **distance** *(distancia)* · **opposite sides** *(lados opuestos)*

PRACTICE

show your work · label units

1. Find the distance between each pair of numbers.

a. −15 and 7 ____

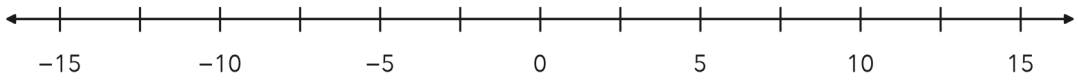
b. 3 and 19 ____

c. −24 and −9 ____

d. −6 and 4 ____

2. **Reservoir Gauge.** A reservoir gauge read −12.5 feet in August and 7.5 feet in November. Zero is the normal water mark.

Hint *Zero is between the readings, so add.*



a. Plot both readings. Absolute values: August ___ November ___

b. Find the total swing. _____ ft

3. **Garage Elevator.** An elevator goes from floor −4 up to floor 11. How many floors does it travel?

   Hint *Count 4 floors up to 0, then 11 more.*

   Show your work.

   Answer_____ floors

4. **Drone Climb.** A drone climbs from 6 m above the ground to 19 m above the ground. How far did it climb?

   Hint *Both heights are above 0, so subtract.*

   Show your work.

   Answer_____ m

5. **Peak and Trench.** A peak rises 2.4 km above the sea surface. A trench floor lies 3.6 km below the sea surface. Find the vertical distance from the trench floor to the peak.

   Answer_____ km

6. **Pump Move.** A well pump moved from −18 m to −41 m. Find the distance it moved. Why do you not add the absolute values?

   Hint *Both readings are below 0.*

   Show your work.

   Answer_____ m

7. **Club Balance.** A club account moved from −67 dollars in May to 33 dollars in June. Find the total change.

   Show your work.

   Answer_____ dollars

8. **Mountain and Valley.** Trail 1 starts at −120 m in a valley and climbs to a peak at 340 m. Trail 2 runs from 90 m up to 340 m.

   a. Total climb of Trail 1: _____ m

   b. Total climb of Trail 2: _____ m

   c. Why is Trail 1 longer if both end at 340 m? _____

FIND THE ERROR

explain the mistake, then fix it

9. Hugo's Work. To find the swing from −9 degrees to 24 degrees, Hugo subtracted 9 from 24 and wrote 15 degrees. Explain his mistake. Then find the correct swing.

TEST PRACTICE

choose the best answer

10. The distance from −20 to −5 is –

A 25 **B** 15 **C** −15 **D** 5

11. When two readings are on opposite sides of 0, you –

A subtract their absolute values **B** add their absolute values

C multiply them **D** use only the larger one

SELF-CHECK CODE

find your answer · copy its letter into that problem's box · spell a math word

100 N	59 Q	20 D	6 T	250 E	34 Z	13 S	15 I	23 A	460 C

#2b	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8a	#8b

CHECK YOURSELF ☐ I can do this on my own ☐ I need a little help ☐ I have a question about #___