

Identifying counting numbers and whole numbers

Prealgebra

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Counting numbers

Counting numbers (also known as **natural numbers**) can be defined as numbers that start at 1 and continue (by increments of 1).

For example, counting numbers are often represented as:

1, 2, 3, ...

Whole numbers



Whole numbers can be defined as the natural numbers and zero, for example:

$0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Practice problem

Which of the following are natural numbers, whole numbers, both, or neither?

- 0
- $\frac{1}{4}$
- -15
- 3
- 5.2
- 105

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