

Chapter P Prerequisites

Section P.1 Real Numbers

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to represent, classify, and order real numbers, and to evaluate algebraic expressions.

Course Number

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Real numbers

Real number line

Inequality

Absolute value

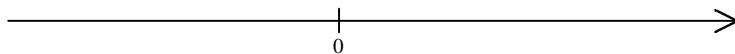
I. Real Numbers (Page 2)

A real number is **rational** if it can be written as . . .

A real number that cannot be written as _____
_____ is called **irrational**.

The point 0 on the real number line is the _____.

On the number line shown below, the numbers to the left of 0 are
_____. The numbers to the right of 0 are
_____.



Every point on the real number line corresponds to exactly
_____ real number.

Example 1: Give an example of
(a) a rational number (b) an irrational number

What you should learn

How to represent and classify real numbers

II. Ordering Real Numbers (Pages 3–4)

If a and b are real numbers, a is less than b if _____ is positive.

What you should learn

How to order real numbers and use inequalities

The symbol $<$ means _____ .

The symbol $>$ means _____ .

The symbol \geq means _____ .

The symbol \leq means _____ .

Example 2: Place the correct symbol ($<$ or $>$) between the

numbers: $-\frac{14}{3}$ _____ $-\sqrt{26}$.

Inequalities can be used to describe subsets of real numbers called _____. In the interval $[a, b]$, the real numbers a and b are the _____ of the interval. The interval (a, b) is called a(n) _____ interval.

Positive infinity, represented by the symbol _____, and **negative infinity**, represented by the symbol _____, do not represent real numbers. Instead, these symbols are used to describe the unboundedness of an interval.

Example 3: Write an interval representing the entire real line.

III. Absolute Value and Distance (Page 5)

If a is a real number, then the absolute value of a is:

$$|a| = \begin{cases} \text{_____} \\ \text{_____} \end{cases}$$

What you should learn

How to find the absolute values of real numbers and find the distance between two real numbers

Let a and b be real numbers. The **distance between a and b** is

_____.

Example 4: Explain how to find the absolute value of a negative number.

IV. Algebraic Expressions (Page 6)

An **algebraic expression** is

What you should learn
How to evaluate
algebraic expressions

The **terms** of an algebraic expression are those parts that are separated by _____.

A term that contains variables is called a _____ term, and a term that consists of a number alone is called a _____ term. The numerical factor of a variable term is the _____ of the variable term.

To **evaluate** an algebraic expression, . . .

The **Substitution Principle**, used when an algebraic expression is evaluated, states that . . .

Example 5: Use the Substitution Principle to evaluate the algebraic expression $2x + 5$ when $x = -2$.

V. Basic Rules of Algebra (Pages 6–8)

Define **additive inverse**.

What you should learn
How to use the basic
rules and properties of
algebra

Define **multiplicative inverse**.

Let r , s , and t be real numbers, variables, or algebraic expressions. Use r , s , and t to write an example of each of the following properties:

Commutative Property of Multiplication: _____

Associative Property of Addition: _____

Distributive Property: _____

Multiplicative Identity Property: _____

Additive Inverse Property: _____

List five Properties of Negation.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

List four Properties of Equality.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

List five Properties of Zero.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

To add or subtract fractions with like denominators, . . .

To multiply two fractions, . . .

Define **factor**.

A **prime number** is an integer that . . .

A **composite number** can be written as . . .

The number _____ is neither prime nor composite.

Homework Assignment

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