



Empty number line

help with adding and subtracting numbers

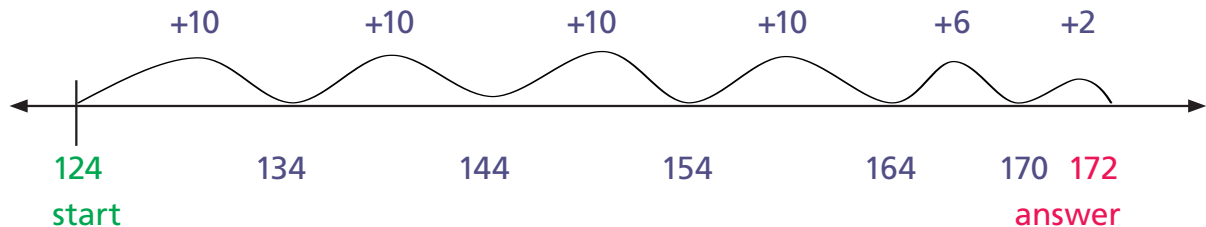
An empty number line is a tool to teach children how to show their thinking when adding and subtracting numbers. It helps to develop their number sense.

It has no markings. It is empty to start with.

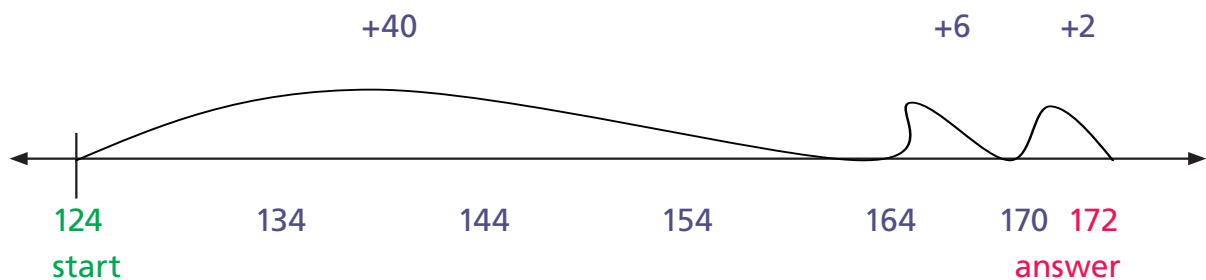


Children put the numbers they are using on it. They can use it to show the jump strategy. They put all their thinking on it. They jump forward along the line to add and back along the line to subtract.

$124 + 48 = 172$ could be shown as:

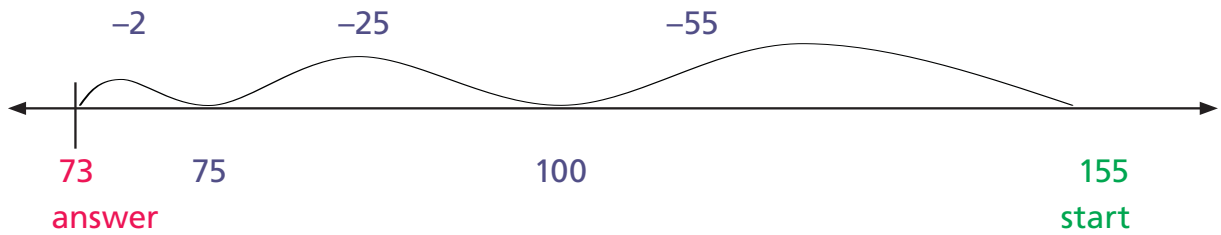


Another child could show it as:

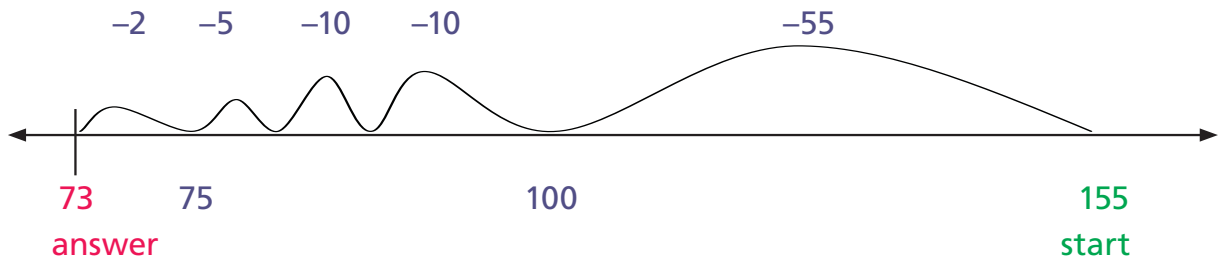


$155 - 82 = 73$ could be shown as:

We can show these differences using a number line:



Another child could show it as:



There are many correct ways to get the same answer.

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