MATHEMATICS · KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

# Before, after, and between

### Difficulty level: Easy

### Mathematics: Kindergarten to Grade 3

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## *Overview of the concept*

This is how you put numbers in order. Knowing what comes before and after 7 on a calendar, a number line, or a race leaderboard is the basis of counting and comparing. It seems simple, but every bigger number skill, from adding to telling time, is built on knowing where a number sits relative to the ones around it.

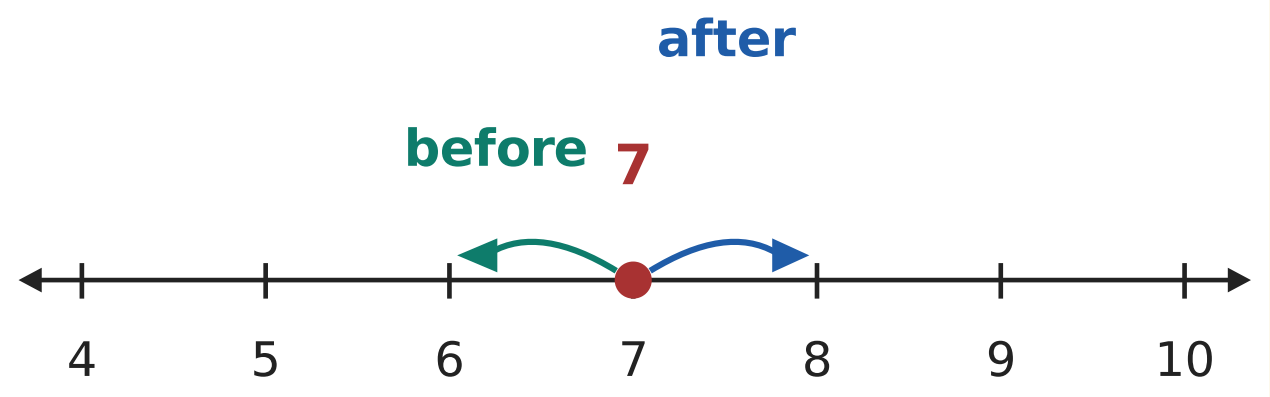



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## Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

**Q** What comes before and after 7?




SOLUTION

Count up to 7: 5, 6, 7.

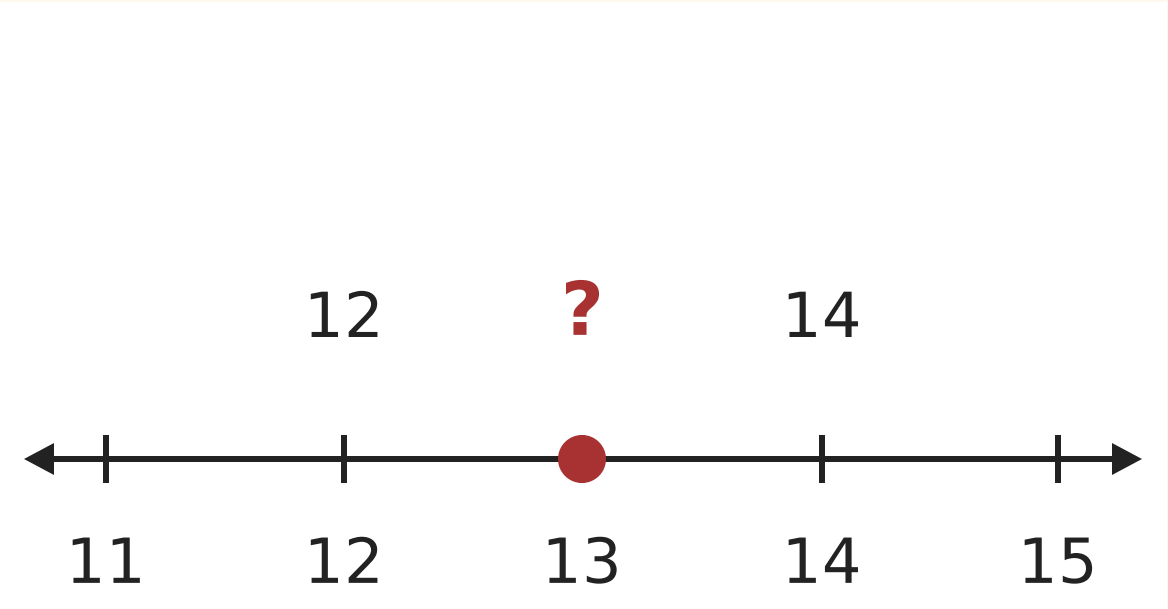
The number just before 7 is 6.

The number just after 7 is 8.

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EXAMPLE 2

## Q What number is between 12 and 14?




**SOLUTION**

Count: 12, 13, 14.

13 sits between 12 and 14.

So the number between is 13.

## Practice questions

**1** Your house is number 9 on your street. The house just before yours is which number?

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2 You are on page 15 of your book. What page comes just after it?

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3 Two lockers are numbered 18 and 20. The locker between them is which number?

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4 A bus stops at stops 24 and 26. What is the next stop after 26?

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5 The elevator is on floor 30. Which floor is just below it?

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6 Your race number is 11. The runner two places after you wears which number?

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7 You are on page 46 of your book. What page is three pages before it?

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**8** You count backwards: 11, 10, 9. What number comes next?

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**9** A book has 100 pages. Which page is just before the last page?

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**10** Put these scores in order from smallest to largest: 61, 59, 60.

A 59, 60, 61

B 60, 59, 61

C 61, 60, 59

D 59, 61, 60

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## ANSWER KEY

**1.** 8

**2.** 16

**3.** 19

**4.** 28

**5.** 29

**6.** 13

**7.** 43

**8.** 8

**9.** 99

**10.** 59, 60, 61

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