Activity 8 Assessment

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Writes an expression to describe a given model of integer subtraction

What difference could this model represent?





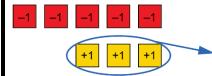


"The model represents (-2) - (+4)because you would need to add 4 zero pairs to -2 to be able to subtract 4.

Subtracts a positive integer with or without a model

(-2) - (+3)

"I can use tiles to subtract 3 from -2. I start with 2 red tiles to represent -2. I want to take away 3 yellow tiles but don't have any. So, I add 3 zero pairs and then remove the yellow tiles. I am left with 5 red tiles. so the answer is -5."



Subtracts a negative integer with or without a model

"I know that one meaning of difference is the distance between 2 numbers, starting from the number being subtracted. I can use a number line to determine 2 - (-4). The difference is +6."



Uses integers to model and solve applied problems

One winter evening it was -5°C. Overnight, the temperature decreased by 7°C.

Write a subtraction sentence, then calculate the difference to determine the temperature the next morning.

"The starting temperature was -5°C. Since the temperature decreased by 7°C, I can represent the situation as (-5) – 7, which is the same as -5 + (-7), or -12.

The temperature the next morning was -12°C."

Observations/Documentation