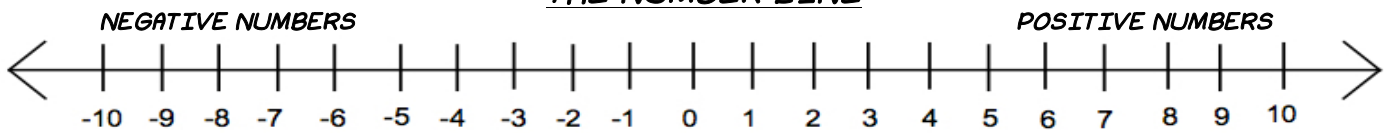
INTEGER CHEAT SHEET

Integers- A set of positive and negative whole numbers. They can be represented on a number line.

THE NUMBER LINE



Absolute Value- The distance a number is from zero on the number line. An absolute value is never negative. Examples: $|-5| = 5$ and $|5| = 5$

ADDING INTEGERS

SAME SIGN- *Add and Keep the Sign!*

Add the absolute value of the numbers and keep the same sign.

(positive) + (positive) = Positive

$(+4) + (+5) = +9$

(negative) + (negative) = Negative

$(-4) + (-5) = -9$

DIFFERENT SIGNS- *Subtract and Keep the Sign of the Bigger Number!*

Subtract the absolute value of the numbers and keep the sign of the bigger number.

$(-4) + (+5) = +1$
$(+4) + (-5) = -1$

SUBTRACTING INTEGERS

Do not subtract integers. You must change the signs:
"Add the Opposite"

KEEP- *Keep the sign of the first number*

CHANGE- *Change the subtraction sign to addition*

CHANGE- *Change the sign of the second number to the opposite sign. If it is positive- change to negative. If it is negative- change to positive.*

$(+4) - (-4)$

Keep change change
$(+4) + (+4)$

NOW USE THE RULES FOR ADDING:
SAME SIGN- Add absolute values and keep sign:

$(+4) + (+4) = 8$

MULTPLYING INTEGERS

SAME SIGNS- POSITIVE
Multiply the numbers. Answer will be positive.

$(-5) \times (-5) = +25$

DIFFERENT SIGNS- NEGATIVE
Multiply the numbers. Answer will be negative

$(+5) \times (-5) = -25$

DIVIDING INTEGERS

SAME SIGNS- POSITIVE
Divide the numbers. Answer will be positive.

$(-5) \div (-5) = +1$

DIFFERENT SIGNS- NEGATIVE
Divide the numbers. Answer will be negative

$(+5) \div (-5) = -1$

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