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## Lesson \#11 - Sets of Numbers

Try to remember way back when you were first learning numbers. What types of numbers did you learn first? When did you learn the number zero? When did you learn about fractions? What about the difference between positive and negative numbers?

Consider the following: In the space below, describe the number five (5). Write down any words that you can think of that describe what type of number 5 is.

Sets of Numbers: Every number that we encounter on a daily basis are called Real Numbers and can be classified into certain sets (or groups). Each set of numbers has its own definition. These sets of numbers are:

- Natural (Counting) Numbers
- Whole Numbers
- Integers
- Rational Numbers
- Irrational Numbers
${ }^{* *}$ Note: Numbers do not have to only belong to one set of numbers. Numbers can belong to multiple sets of numbers**

| Number Set | Definition | Examples |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Natural (Counting) <br> Numbers | Positive whole numbers not including zero. |  |
| Whole Numbers | Positive whole numbers including zero. |  |
| Integers | Positive and negative whole numbers. |  |
| Rational Numbers | Any number (positive or negative) that can be <br> written as a fraction and has a terminating or <br> repeating decimal. |  |
| Irrational <br> Numbers | Any number that cannot be written as a <br> fraction and does not have a terminating or <br> repeating decimal. |  |

Directions: Classify the following real numbers as real, natural, whole, integer, rational, or irrational. Be sure to write down all that apply.


## Now, You Try!

Matching Column: Write the letter of the definition that matches each set of numbers.

1) Rational Numbers $\qquad$ A. Non-terminating, non-repeating decimals
2) Integers _______
B. Terminating and/or repeating decimals.
3) Whole Numbers $\qquad$ C. Positive and negative whole numbers.
4) Irrational Numbers $\qquad$ D. Natural numbers, including zero.
5) Which of the following sets does the number -38 belong to? Circle all that apply.
A) Irrational Numbers
B) Rational Numbers
C) Whole Numbers
D) Natural Numbers
E) Integers
F) Real Numbers
6) Which of the following does the number $\pi$ belong to? Circle all that apply.
A) Irrational Numbers
B) Rational Numbers
C) Whole Numbers
D) Natural Numbers
E) Integers
F) Real Numbers

True or False: For each statement, write true or false.
7) 0 is only in the set of integers. $\qquad$
8) All whole numbers are natural numbers. $\qquad$
9) Irrational numbers are numbers that can be written as fractions. $\qquad$
10) Challenge - True or False: The number $\pi+2$ is an irrational number. $\qquad$

## Rational Numbers vs. Irrational Numbers

Recall the definition of Rational Numbers: $\qquad$

Example 1) In the space below, give 3 examples of rational numbers.

Recall the definition of Irrational Numbers: $\qquad$

Example 2) In the space below, give 3 examples of irrational numbers.

## How can we tell if a number is rational or irrational?

| If a number is Rational, the number... | If a number is Irrational, the number... |
| :---: | :---: |
| - is expressed as a perfect square. <br> Examples: | - is not expressed as a perfect square. Examples: |
| - is expressed as a terminating or repeating decimal. <br> Examples: | - is not expressed as a terminating or repeating decimal. <br> Examples: |
| - can be written as a fraction or mixed number. <br> Examples: <br> ${ }^{* *}$ Note: All fractions are always rational ${ }^{* *}$ | - cannot be written as a fraction or mixed number. <br> Examples: |
| - can be written as an integer. <br> Examples: | - cannot be written as an integer. <br> Examples: |

## Tell whether the following numbers are rational or irrational. Explain.

| Ex 3) $\sqrt{2}$ | Ex 4) $\frac{25}{31}$ |
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| Ex 5) $13.174957390136 \ldots$. | Ex 6) $\sqrt{36}$ |

Now, you try!
Tell whether the following numbers are rational or irrational. Explain.

| 7$)$ | 8) $\sqrt{25}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9) $13.174957390136 \ldots$. | 10) $2.3333 \ldots .$. |

11) Which of the following is an irrational number?
A) 3.14
B) 5.025
C) $4 \pi$
D) $\frac{22}{7}$
12) A rational number can always be written in which form?
A) Repeating Decimal
B) Fraction
C) Square Root
D) Terminating Decimal
