

Negative answers: sorting activity

Sort the questions below into groups according to whether the answer is positive or negative.

NOTE: you don't need to calculate the end temperature but decide whether the increase (or decrease) is more than the starting point. For example, if the temperature is now 5°C and drops by 10°C then because 10 is more than 5 you can tell the end result must be negative.

It might help to cut out the questions so that you can sort them more easily.

1. The temperature decreases 10° from 15°C . Is the temperature now positive or negative?

2. The temperature decreases 10° from 5°C . Is the temperature now positive or negative?

3. The temperature decreases by 1° per day from 8°C . Is the temperature after 5 days positive or negative?

4. The temperature decreases by 4° per day from 18°C . Is the temperature after 5 days positive or negative?

5. The temperature increases 2° from -5°C . Is the temperature now positive or negative?

6. The temperature increases 10° from -5°C . Is the temperature now positive or negative?

7. The temperature decreases by 2° per day from 8°C . Is the temperature after 5 days positive or negative?

8. The temperature decreases by 3° per day from 18°C . Is the temperature after 5 days positive or negative?