

Negative numbers: glossary

Here are some words you'll come across when working with negative numbers:

A **negative number** is less than zero.

- 100, -25, -12 and -4 are all negative numbers.

A **positive number** is more than zero.

4, 12, 89 and 568 are all positive numbers.

The **negative sign** goes in front of a negative number.

Negative 4 is the same as -4.

° is the symbol for degree.

Celsius or **C** is a scale for measuring temperature.

6 degrees Celsius is the same as 6°C.

Centigrade is another name for Celsius.

A **thermometer** is something used to measure temperature.

The thermometer showed the temperature as -5°C

Water **freezes**, turns solid into ice, at 0°C

Negative temperatures are called **below freezing**.

Positive temperatures are called **above freezing**.

When there is a **temperature increase** it gets warmer.

When there is a **temperature decrease** it gets colder.