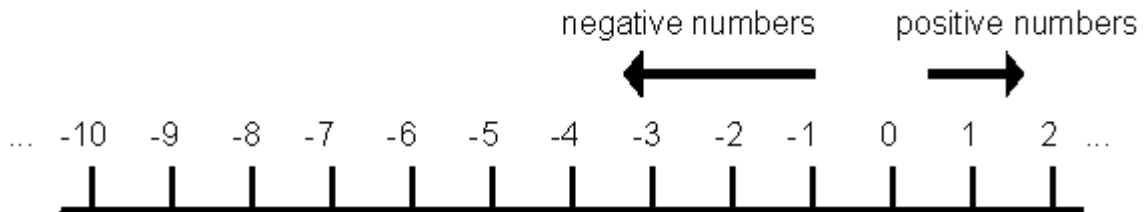


Why do negative numbers get bigger?

As you extend a number line showing negative numbers, they seem to get **bigger**.



The numbers **seem** to increase in value as they go down the number line.

But as the negative number 'gets bigger', the **value gets lower**:

-10 is further below zero than -5

If you look at the number line you can see that -10 is **less** than -5.

If it helps you remember, think about the weather. As the temperature gets **lower** the negative numbers seem to get **bigger**.

Compare the temperatures during spring, autumn and winter:



Spring 7°C



Autumn -4°C



Winter -12°C