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Real-World Positive and Negative Numbers and Zero

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2. What does zero represent in your story problem?

3. Choose an appropriate scale to graph both integers on the vertical number line.

4. Graph and label both points on the vertical number line.



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 - b. A deposit of \$225 _____
 - c. 14,000 feet above sea level _____
 - d. A temperature increase of 40°F _____
 - e. A withdrawal of \$225 _____
 - f. 14,000 feet below sea level _____

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2. A whale is 600 feet below the surface of the ocean.
 - a. The depth of the whale is 600 feet from the ocean's surface.
 - b. The whale is -600 feet below the surface of the ocean.
3. The elevation of the bottom of an iceberg with respect to sea level is given as -125 feet.
 - a. The iceberg is 125 feet above sea level.
 - b. The iceberg is 125 feet below sea level.
4. Alex's body temperature decreased by 2°F .
 - a. Alex's body temperature dropped 2°F .
 - b. The integer -2 represents the change in Alex's body temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.
5. A credit of \$35 and a debit of \$40 are applied to your bank account.
 - a. What is an appropriate scale to graph a credit of \$35 and a debit of \$40? Explain your reasoning.
 - b. What integer represents "a credit of \$35" if zero represents the original balance? Explain.
 - c. What integer describes "a debit of \$40" if zero represents the original balance? Explain.
 - d. Based on your scale, describe the location of both integers on the number line.
 - e. What does zero represent in this situation?

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Answers may vary. On the beach, a man's kite flies at 120 feet above the water's surface. In the ocean, a white shark swims at 110 feet below the water's surface.

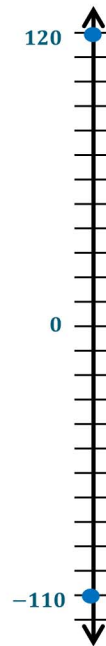
2. What does zero represent in your story problem?

Zero represents the water's surface level.

3. Choose and label an appropriate scale to graph both integers on the vertical number line.

I chose a scale of 10.

4. Graph and label both points on the vertical number line



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b. A deposit of \$225	<u> 225 </u>
c. 14,000 feet above sea level	<u> 14,000 </u>
d. A temperature increase of 40°F	<u> 40 </u>
e. A withdrawal of \$225	<u> -225 </u>
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Answers will vary. I would count by 5s because both numbers are multiples of 5.
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35; a credit is greater than zero, and numbers greater than zero are positive numbers.
 - What integer describes "a debit of \$40" if zero represents the original balance? Explain.
-40; a debit is less than zero, and numbers less than zero are negative numbers.
 - Based on your scale, describe the location of both integers on the number line.
If the scale is multiples of 5, then 35 would be 7 units to the right of (or above) zero, and -40 would be 8 units to the left of (or below) zero.
 - What does zero represent in this situation?
Zero represents no change being made to the account balance. In other words, no amount is either subtracted or added to the account.