

Math 9 – Unit 1: Real Numbers

Name: _____

Lesson #1: Rational and Irrational Numbers

Date: _____

Learning Goal: We are learning to relate rational numbers to decimals, fractions, and integers.

Welcome to the wonderful and beautiful world of Mathematics. Math is a language with its own syntax, grammar, and rules. Also, for Math to be readable and elegant (yes, it can be elegant), it needs to be written in a certain way. It is essential that you learn and adapt to this structure. First, we begin by looking at real numbers.

A **real number** is

Another set of numbers of interests are **integers**. Integers are

Within the real numbers are two different sets (or types) of numbers:

A **rational number** is:

An **irrational number** is:

State if the following are rational or irrational:

a) $\frac{1}{2}$

b) $\frac{-3}{0}$

c) $\frac{-0}{4}$

d) $\sqrt{5}$

e) $\sqrt{-9}$

Rational numbers can be represented as fractions or decimals. In decimal form, it can _____ or _____. A _____ decimal has a **period** and a **length of period**.

Write the fraction as a decimal, then state the period and length of period:

a) $\frac{2}{3}$

b) $\frac{10}{7}$

c) $\frac{5}{12}$

If the decimal is a terminating decimal, it can be quickly converted to a fraction. (Repeating decimals can be converted, but it can be more complicated and we will not do it here.) The denominator is the place value of the right-most digit. The numerator is the number without the decimal. To finish it off, simplify the fraction to lowest terms.

Write the decimal as a fraction in lowest terms:

a) 0.6

b) 1.42

c) -0.875

d) -3.25

Put the following numbers in order from lowest to highest:

$\frac{1}{3}$, 0.33, $\frac{9}{24}$, $\sqrt{10}$, $\frac{3}{10}$

Success Criteria:

- I can identify rational and irrational numbers
- I can convert between decimals and fractions
- I can state the period and length of period of a repeating decimal