

**Topic:** Adding and subtracting signed numbers**Question:** Simplify the expression.

$$-1 + 8$$

**Answer choices:**

A      $-7$

B      $-9$

C      $7$

D      $9$



**Solution: C**

We can rewrite the expression and solve it.

$$-1 + 8$$

$$8 - 1$$

$$7$$

We can also find the answer on the number line. Given  $-1 + 8$ , we'd start at  $-1$  on the number line, which is one unit to the left of 0. Then, because we're asked to add 8 to  $-1$ , we'll move eight units to the right of  $-1$ , ending up at 7.



**Topic:** Adding and subtracting signed numbers**Question:** Which equation is the same?

$$3 - 3 = 0$$

**Answer choices:**

A  $3 + 3 = 0$

B  $3 - (-3) = 0$

C  $3 + (-3) = 0$

D  $3 + [-(-3)] = 0$



**Solution: C**

Subtraction is the same as addition of a negative.

$$3 + (-3) = 0$$

$$3 - 3 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$



**Topic:** Adding and subtracting signed numbers**Question:** Which of these is true?**Answer choices:**

A  $3 + (+2) = -1$

B  $3 + (-2) = 1$

C  $3 - (-2) = 1$

D  $3 - (+2) = -1$



**Solution: B**

Subtraction is the same as addition of a negative.

$$3 + (-2) = 1$$

$$3 - 2 = 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

