

Natural numbers:

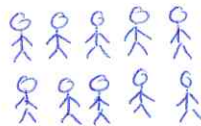
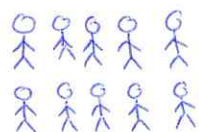
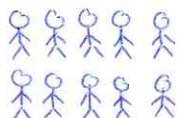
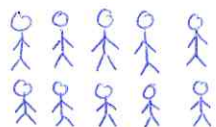
zero one two three four five six seven eight nine ten eleven twelve thirteen fourteen
0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, ...

(Some people exclude 0 from the natural numbers, but I won't.)

These numbers are used for counting. They are written in a positional number system:

For example, in the number 43, the "4" is in the second position from the right. So it stands for 4 times ten, also known as forty.

43 people:
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forty three



4 times ten people plus three.