n integer (pronounced IN-tuh-jer) is a whole number (not a fractional number) that can be positive, negative, or zero.

Examples of integers are: -5, 1, 5, 8, 97, and 3,043.

Examples of numbers that are not integers are: -1.43, 1 3/4, 3.14, .09, and 5,643.1.

The [set](https://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/set) of integers, denoted ***Z***, is formally defined as follows:

***Z*** = {..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...}

**Lyrics** are [words](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Word) that make up a [song](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Song) usually consisting of [verses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Verse_(poetry)) and [choruses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refrain). The writer of lyrics is a [lyricist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lyricist). The words to an extended musical composition such as an [opera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opera) are, however, usually known as a "[libretto](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libretto)" and their writer, as a "[librettist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Librettist)". The meaning of lyrics can either be explicit or implicit. Some lyrics are abstract, almost unintelligible, and, in such cases, their explication emphasizes [form](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musical_form), [articulation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Articulation_(music)), [meter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meter_(poetry)), and [symmetry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symmetry) of expression. Rappers can also create lyrics (often with a variation of rhyming words) that are meant to be [spoken rhythmically](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapping) rather than sung.