

# Freddie's Frog Pond

Kindergarten · Counting back from 20 · K.NOS.A.3

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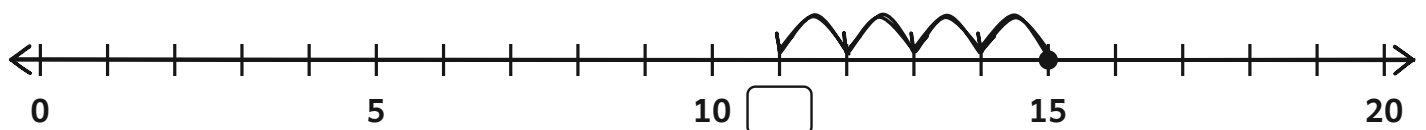
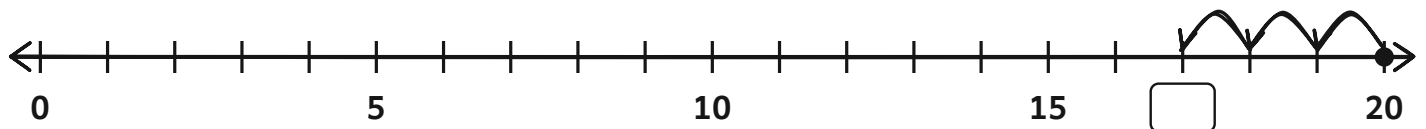
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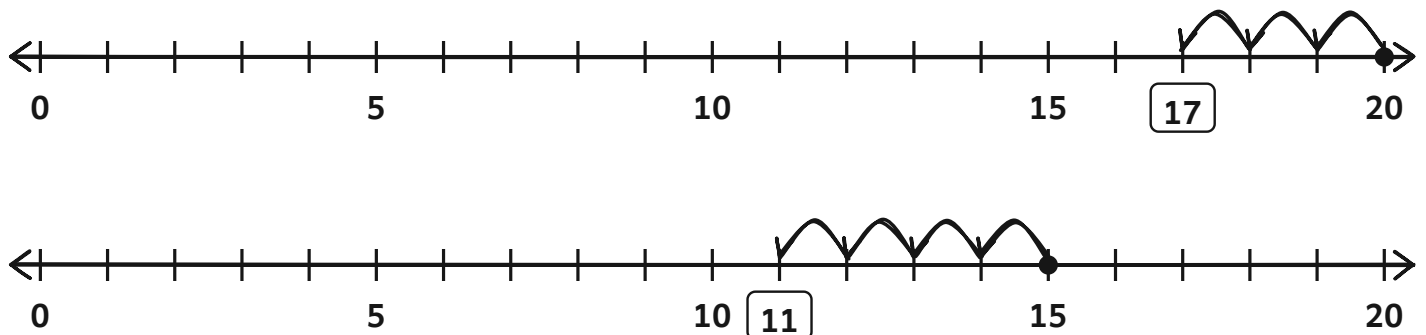
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GUIDE

## ① What this sheet practises

Counting backward from any number up to 20, like 15, 14, 13, the way a countdown goes.

## ② A problem from the sheet, worked out

**Keep counting back** Start at the first number and count back.

17, 16, 15, 14, 13

12, 11, 10, 9, 8

14, 13, 12, 11, 10

19, 18, 17, 16, 15

**How:** Say the first number, then each number that comes just before it: 20, 19, 18. On a number line, each hop back lands one lower.

## ③ Words to know

**count back** say numbers going down: 5, 4, 3

**one less** the number just before

**before** earlier in counting order

**number line** numbers in order along a line

## ④ Watch for

- Counting up after the first number: 17, 18, 19.
- Getting stuck going from 20 to 19, or from 11 to 10.
- Counting the starting dot as the first hop on the number line.

## ⑤ Where it fits

BEFORE

**K.CC.A.2**

Count forward from any number, not just 1.

THIS SHEET

**K.NOS.A.3**

Count backward from any number up to 20.

NEXT

**1.OA.C.5**

Connect counting on and counting back to adding and subtracting.

## ⑥ Helping at home

Count down before a race or before lunch: from 10, then from 15 or 20. Let your child pick the starting number.