

#### THE NUMBER SYSTEM

W = Whole Numbers I = Integers

 $\overline{Q}$  = Irrational Numbers R = Real Numbers

N = Natural Numbers Q = Rational Numbers

#### EXAMPLES:

W: 0, 1, 2, 3,....

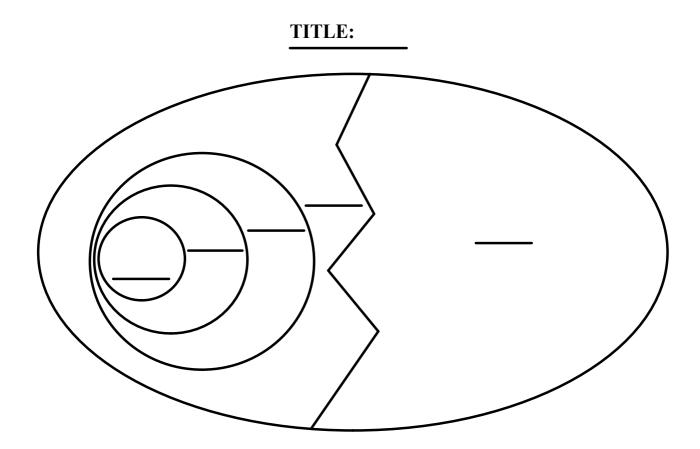
 $\overline{\mathcal{Q}}\colon \quad \pi \text{ (3.141592...), } \quad \sqrt{3} \text{ , } 1.23456738... \text{, } \sqrt{15} \text{ , ...}$ 

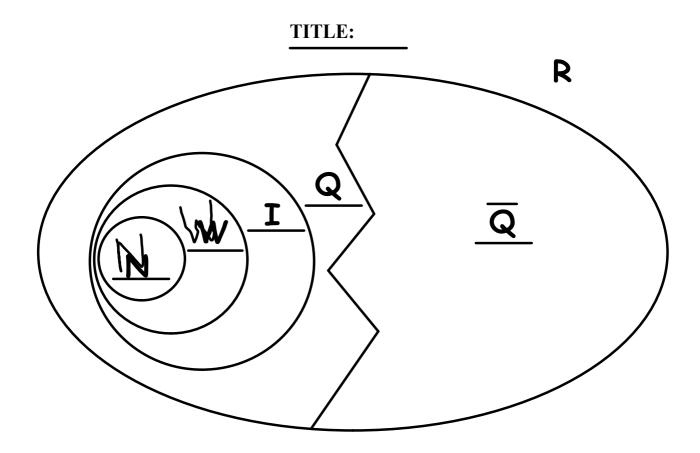
N: 1, 2, 3.....

I: \_\_\_\_\_\_-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

 $R: \quad -\frac{1}{2} \; , \; \sqrt{15} \; \; , \; 0 \; \; , \; -3 \; \; , \; 3 \; \; , \; \pi \, (3.141592) \; , \ldots$ 

 $Q: = \frac{1}{2}$  ,  $-\frac{1}{2}$  ,  $\frac{11}{3}$  , 0.2 , -0.2 ,3 , -3 ,0 ,...





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#### N - NATURAL NUMBERS

All positive non-zero numbers; in other words, all positive numbers. This does <u>not</u> include zero. These are the numbers we use to count. Ex: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

#### W - WHOLE NUMBERS

All positive numbers as well as zero. The whole number set expands upon the natural number set to include zero.

Ex: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

#### I - INTEGERS

All positive and negative numbers as well as zero. Integers expand upon the whole number set to include negative numbers.

Ex: ..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

### **Q - RATIONAL NUMBERS**

A number that can be expressed as the quotient of two integers; in other words, a rational number is any number that can be expressed as a fraction. (The denominator cannot be 0.)

Ex: 
$$0.2, -0.2, 0.\overline{3}, 4, -4, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4}\sqrt{9}...$$

## **Q** - IRRATIONAL NUMBERS

A number that <u>cannot</u> be expressed as a quotient of integers; in other words, an irrational number is any number that <u>cannot</u> be expressed as a fraction. This includes all non-terminating and non-repeating decimals.

Ex: 
$$\pi$$
 (3.141592...), 1.23456738...,  $\sqrt{15}$ , - $\pi$ , ...

#### **R-REAL NUMBERS**

All rational and irrational numbers.

"The quotient of two integers":

$$\frac{a}{b}$$
,  $b \neq 0$ 

Which number groups do the following numbers belong to? (NOTE: Every number belongs to AT LEAST 2 number

3. 
$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 R,Q

$$4.\pi$$

# TRUE or FALSE:

- 1. ALL integers are rational numbers.
- 2. ALL natural numbers are whole numbers.
- 3. ALL rational numbers are natural numbers.  $\vdash$
- 4. ALL integers are irrational numbers.

