

Positive counting numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, ...) are called **natural numbers**.

If you add the number 0 to the natural numbers, you get the **whole numbers** (0, 1, 2, 3, ...).

Integers include 0, the natural numbers, and the opposites of the natural numbers: (... , -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...).

Numbers that can be written as fractions a/b , where a is an integer and b is a natural number, are called **rational numbers**. This includes all terminating and repeating decimals, as well as, fractions. Natural numbers, whole numbers, and integers are all rational.

