Adding & Subtracting Negative Numbers

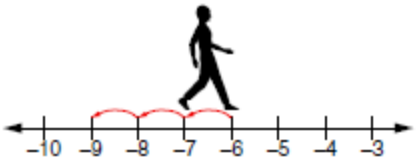
1. The First Number tells you where to start on the number line.

2. The First Operation Sign tells you what way to face.
   - \+ means face in the positive direction
   - \- means face in the negative direction

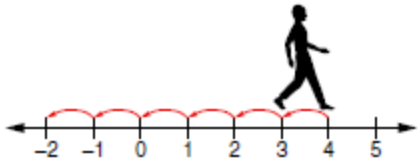
3. If the second number is negative walk backward. Otherwise walk forward.

4. The Second Number tells you how many steps to take.

$-6 + -3 = ?$ (Start at -6. Face in the positive direction. Walk backward 3 steps. End up at -9.)



$4 + -6 = ?$ (Start at 4. Face in the positive direction. Walk backward 6 steps. End up at -2.)



Try it!.

-9 + 4 = **8 - 12 =** **-3 + 5 =**

8 + (-2) = **5 + 8 =** **8 + (-1) =**

-7 + 8 = **5 + (-2) =** **-9 + (-1) =**

