

Before and between introduction



1 One before, and the number in between

Start with the easy direction — “what comes after twenty-three?” Then flip it — “what comes just before twenty-three?” Run several pairs through the twenties.

“What comes after twenty-three? Good. Now — what comes just before twenty-three?”

Show the move — to find the number just before, step back one. You do not have to run the whole count from twenty.

“To find just before, step back one. You do not need to start again at twenty.”

Name both neighbours — say a number, then the number just before and just after it.

“Twenty-five. What is just before it? What is just after it? Say them both.”

Find the number between — for two numbers that are two apart, say the three in order and hear the one in the middle.

“Between twenty-five and twenty-seven — say them: twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven. What is in the middle?”

Check on a number track — say the answer first, then point to confirm it, not to do the thinking for you.

“Say your answer first, then find it on the track — is that the one just before?”

Before & between — number track 0–30 (display)



Print on A4 landscape (enlarge to A3 for display). Say a number, then ask what sits just before, just after, or between. Point to confirm answers after students say them — the decades (0, 10, 20, 30) are highlighted.

Numbers 0 to 30

