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| **MODULE:** 1 | **LESSON:** 3 | ABSOLUTE VALUE |

A number’s **absolute value** is its distance from 0 on a number line. Since distance can never be negative, absolute values are never negative. They are always positive or zero.

*The symbol* ***| |*** *is read as “the absolute value of.” For example, |–3| means "the absolute value of –3."*

***Remember: The absolute value symbol is like a shower. No matter how the number goes in, clean or dirty (positive or negative), it always comes out clean (positive)***

 *EX.* ***|–9| = 9*** *and* ***|5| = 5***