2-DIGIT NUMBERS

A BUILDING NUMBERS

Definition **Digits**

The symbols we use to write numbers are called \mathbf{digits} . There are ten digits we use to build every number.

Word	Digit	Cubes
zero	0	
one	1	
two	2	
three	3	1 1 1
four	4	
five	5	
six	6	
seven	7	
eight	8	
nine	9	

Definition Representing 2-Digit Numbers —

The place of a digit in a number tells us its value. We can show a number in many ways:

• With digits:

42

• As tens and ones:

4 tens and 2 ones

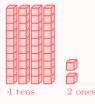
• With words:

forty-two

• In a place value chart:

Tens	Ones
4	2

• With cubes:



Zero is a special digit. It acts as a **placeholder** to show that a place is empty. For example, in the number 20, the zero shows there are no ones.

B ON THE NUMBER LINE

Definition Number Line

A **number line** is a line that shows numbers in order from smallest to largest. The distance between each number is always the same.

