

# The Set of Real Numbers

## Rational numbers

(Form:  $\frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are Integers,  $q \neq 0$ )

Fractions  $\square \frac{1}{2}, \square \frac{3}{5}, 5\frac{6}{7}$

Terminating decimals 2.56, 0.3

Repeating decimals 0.1616...

Perfect roots  $\square \sqrt{25}, \sqrt[3]{8}$

## Irrational numbers

(endless unpredictability)

Non-repeating, non-terminating decimal numbers

$\square \pi$  3.14159 .....  
 $e$  2.71828 .....

Non-perfect roots

$\sqrt{2}$  1.41421356 .....  
 $\sqrt[3]{12}$  2.28942848 .....

## Integers

(the negative and positive whole numbers and zero)

...-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

## Whole numbers

(the counting numbers and zero)

0, 1, 2, 3, ...

## Natural numbers

(the original counters)

1, 2, 3, 4, ...