Lesson 6: The Distance Between Two Rational Numbers

Exit Ticket

Two 7th grade students, Monique and Matt, both solved the following math problem:

If the temperature drops from 7° F to -17° F, by how much did the temperature *decrease*?

The students came up with different answers. Monique said the answer is 24° F, and Matt said the answer is 10° F. Who is correct? Explain, and support your written response with the use of a formula and a vertical number line diagram.