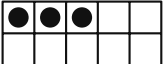


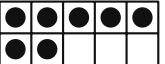
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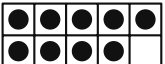
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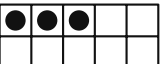

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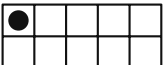

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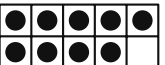

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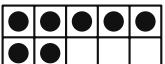

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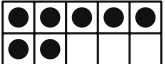


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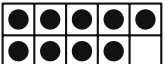
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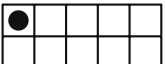
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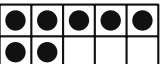

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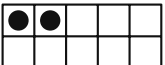

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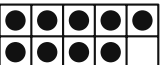

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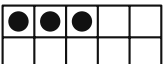

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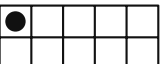

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Number Reversals: Find the Backwards Ones

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Some numbers are backwards. Cross them out, then write each one the right way on the line under its row.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

4 2 7 5 1 6 3 e

7 6 8 1 5 9 2 4

5 e 2 4 7 8 6 1

3 6 1 7 4 2 9 5



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Number Reversals: Find the Backwards Ones

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Some numbers are backwards. Cross them out, then write each one the right way on the line under its row.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

6 8 9 1 4 7 5 2

2 5 1 6 e 4 3 7

9 4 7 8 2 1 6 5

1 7 5 2 6 9 4 3



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Number Reversals: Answer Key, Pages 1 and 3

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For the grown-up. Ringed is the right way round; crossed out is backwards. Praise the ones facing the right way.

Page 1: which one faces the right way

	3	ε		ς	7
	9	e		1	↑
	Σ	2		ε	3
	1	↑		e	9
	ς	7		2	Σ

Page 3: the backwards ones, and what to write

4 ~~ε~~ 7 5 ~~↑~~ 6 3 ~~e~~
~~ς~~ 6 ~~ε~~ 1 5 9 2 4
 5 ~~e~~ ~~ε~~ 4 7 ~~ε~~ 6 1
 3 6 ~~↑~~ ~~ς~~ 4 2 9 5

Write: 2 1 9

Write: 7 3

Write: 9 2 3

Write: 1 7

Backwards digits are normal before about seven. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 face left, and young children turn everything to face the way they write. Start every number at the top, and check it against the strip. If it is still frequent after seven, mention it to the teacher.



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Number Reversals: Answer Key, Pages 2 and 4

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For the grown-up. Ringed is the right way round; crossed out is backwards. Praise the ones facing the right way.

Page 2: which one faces the right way

	7	↵		Σ	2
	e	9		3	ε
	1	↑		↵	7
	2	Σ		e	9
	ε	3		1	↑

Page 4: the backwards ones, and what to write

6 **ε** 9 1 4 **↵** 5 2
Σ 5 1 6 **e** 4 3 7
 9 4 7 **ε** 2 **↑** 6 5
 1 **↵** 5 **Σ** 6 9 4 3

Write: **3 7**

Write: **2 9**

Write: **3 1**

Write: **7 2**

Backwards digits are normal before about seven. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 face left, and young children turn everything to face the way they write. Start every number at the top, and check it against the strip. If it is still frequent after seven, mention it to the teacher.



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For Grown-Ups: How to Use These Worksheets 7 / 7

A few minutes on most days while the reversals are happening, then stop.

Why use it

Writing numbers backwards is normal for children under 7, because a young child sees a mirror image as the same shape. The digits reversed most are 1, 2, 3, 7, and 9, the ones that face left. A number has no sound to check against, so the check is something to see: the 0 to 9 strip on every page.

What it is good for

- Kindergarten and first grade: the digits 1, 2, 3, 7, and 9.
- Checking a digit against a model instead of guessing.
- Spotting the backwards ones among 4, 5, and 6, which face right.

How to use it

1. On the circle pages, your child counts the dots in the ten frame and says the number.
2. Circle the one that faces the right way, checked against the strip.
3. On the cross out pages, your child crosses out the backwards digits in each row.
4. Write each crossed out digit the right way on the line under its row, starting at the top.
5. Check with the answer key: ringed is the right way round, and crossed out is backwards.

Try saying: “Which of these 3s is facing the wrong way? Check it against the strip.”

Tip: Praise the right ones first. Frequent reversals after about age 7 are worth mentioning to the teacher.



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