A Zero Pair

Negative numbers are less than zero and written with a sign, e.g. (-1). Positive numbers are greater than zero and usually do not have a sign, e.g. 1. You can represent (-1) and 1 using red and yellow counters. Together they make a zero pair. There are lots of ways to make zeros. Zero pairs are useful when thinking about operations with positive and negative numbers. (Images created using free virtual manipulatives available at Mathsbot.com)

