

## Relative Magnitude

Is ninety-nine a big number?

How big is the number ninety-nine? Locate ninety-nine on the number line below. So, ninety-nine is relatively big, right? Is it still big if compared to one thousand?

Locate ninety-nine on the number line below.

Let's compare both number lines.

Now, let's compare the numbers. Ninety-nine compared to one hundred is big. Ninety-nine compared to one thousand is small. The relative magnitude of a number depends upon the value of the number it is compared to.