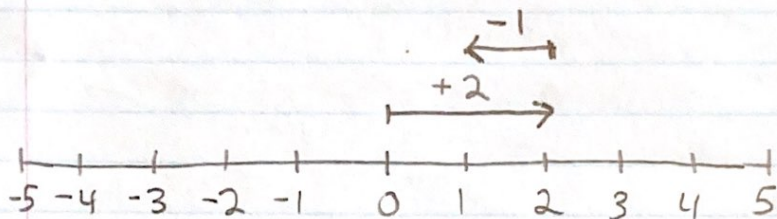



1. a) $(+2) - (+1)$
 Add the opposite $(+2) + (-1)$



Using colored tiles to check your answer:

 $(+2)$ we begin by modelling the first number; draw two shaded tiles.

In this example we do not need to add "zero pairs", because both signs are "+" and the first number is larger than the second number. We simply subtract the way we have always subtracted; as in $2 - 1 = 1$. We represent this by circling what we take away. Everything left outside the circle is our answer.

So: 

We can see that our answer here is the same as on our number line $(+1)$.