Exercise 2

In the following exercises, determine which of the following numbers are (a) counting numbers (b) whole numbers.

$$0, \frac{7}{10}, 3, 20.5, 300$$

Solution

The counting numbers are the natural numbers: $1, 2, 3, \ldots$

The whole numbers are the counting numbers and zero: $0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$

Therefore, 3 and 300 are counting numbers, and 0 and 3 and 300 are whole numbers.