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## **IRRATIONAL**

Is an irrational number real?

It's real to me.

But can you have an irrational number of oranges?

Not as things stand, no.

I'm not comfortable with the whole idea.

There was someone called Hippasus in Greek times who found out about the diagonal of a square and they drowned because no one wanted to know about things like that.

Like what?

Numbers that make you uncomfortable and don't relate to oranges.

I can see how they might want to do that.

Drown him?

Maybe he should have kept quiet about it if he knew they couldn't stand it.

Is that what you do?



