Understanding the Place Value of Zero

On a **place value chart**, zero does not have a value but it holds the place value of the other digits.

- This is 20.
- There are no units in 20.
- We put a 2 in the tens column and a zero in the units column.
- This zero tells us there are no units in the units column.
- And it keeps the place of the 2 in the tens column.
- This is why it is called a place value holder.

