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Bigger or smaller?

Compare numbers: look at the tens first, then the ones.

1 Learn



A hungry crocodile always wants the **bigger** number, so its mouth opens towards it!

47 < 52	**63 > 38**	**25 = 25**
47 is **less than** 52	63 is **greater than** 38	25 is **equal to** 25

1. **Look at the tens.** 47 or 52? 4 tens is less than 5 tens, so **47 < 52**. You don't even need the ones!
2. **Tens the same? Look at the ones.** 63 or 68? Both have 6 tens. 3 ones is less than 8 ones, so **63 < 68**.

Flip's tip: the **pointy end** always points to the **smaller** number. Read < as "is less than" and > as "is greater than".

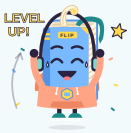
Warm up: ring the bigger number in each pair.

39 41	70 17	56 54

Grown-ups: say the whole sentence together: "forty-seven is less than fifty-two". Reading the sign aloud matters more than drawing it.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Card crocodile

You need: playing cards from ace (1) to 9, or 18 small cards with 1 to 9 written on them twice.

1. Each take two cards and make a 2-digit number. You choose which card goes first.
2. Say both numbers out loud.
3. Compare them: tens first, then the ones.
4. Say it with the sign: **"42 is greater than 29"**, and write it in the table.

My number	<, > or =	Your number

Grown-ups: ask "Which order of your two cards makes the bigger number?" Then try rounds where the smaller number is the one you want.

3 Practise

A. Write <, > or = in each circle.

34 ◯ 43	58 ◯ 51	70 ◯ 69
25 ◯ 25	90 ◯ 9	16 ◯ 61

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B. Write each set of numbers in order, from smallest to biggest.

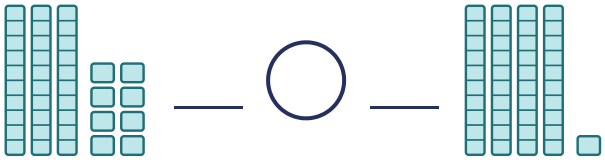
45 54 15 51

☐ , ☐ , ☐ , ☐

72 27 70 77

☐ , ☐ , ☐ , ☐

C. Write each number. Then write <, > or = between them.





D. Write a digit in each box to make it true.

4☐ > 47 **63 < ☐3** **☐5 = 35**

Challenge

Leo says **9 > 21**, "because 9 is bigger than 2 and bigger than 1". Is he right? Explain.

Hint: how many tens does each number have?

I can...

Tick when you can.

- ☐ compare two numbers by looking at the tens first
- ☐ use the <, > and = signs
- ☐ put numbers in order from smallest to biggest