Greater Than, Less Than: Numbers to 20

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4	◯	7	6	◯	4
8	◯	2	12	◯	13
7	◯	19	6	◯	3
13	◯	13	16	◯	19
18	◯	19	11	◯	11
19	◯	12	0	◯	6
18	◯	17	18	◯	12
3	◯	12	12	◯	6
16	◯	17	6	◯	17

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1	◯	2	18	◯	15
6	◯	6	11	◯	18
3	◯	2	11	◯	12
5	◯	14	16	◯	15
13	◯	9	1	◯	5

Greater Than, Less Than: Two-Digit Numbers

Write <, > or = in each circle. Compare the tens first, and only if they match, the ones.

17 1 ten 7 ones	◯	19 1 ten 9 ones	36 3 tens 6 ones	◯	63 6 tens 3 ones
94 9 tens 4 ones	◯	94 9 tens 4 ones	70 7 tens 0 ones	◯	73 7 tens 3 ones
31	◯	13	99	◯	91
46	◯	53	92	◯	19
46	◯	41	27	◯	34
69	◯	69	93	◯	10
47	◯	53	77	◯	43
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67	◯	68	86	◯	78
90	◯	90	40	◯	27
75	◯	91	26	◯	30
84	◯	48	56	◯	89
36	◯	29	31	◯	31
14	◯	17	71	◯	17

Answer Key: Numbers to 20

For the grown-up. Each sign sits in the same place as its problem on that page, and the red sign in its circle is the answer. Have your child read each one aloud, left to right.

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18	<	19	11	=	11
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For Grown-Ups: How to Use These Worksheets

One page at a time, once your child can say which of two numbers is greater.

Why use it

The sign records a comparison your child has already made, so the comparison comes first and the sign last. For two-digit numbers, schools teach comparing the tens first and looking at the ones only when the tens match, so 42 is greater than 38 even though 8 is more than 2.

What it is good for

- Kindergarten and first grade: numbers to 20, on pages 1 and 2.
- First and second grade: two-digit numbers on pages 3 and 4, the first rows split into tens and ones.
- Equal pairs on every page, so = is a real choice.

How to use it

1. Your child says which number is greater before writing anything.
2. Write the sign in the circle with the open side toward the greater number.
3. Read the whole sentence aloud, left to right: 5 < 8 is 5 is less than 8.
4. On pages 3 and 4, ask how many tens before asking which is greater.
5. Check with the answer keys on pages 5 and 6, where each sign sits in the same place as its problem.

> **Try saying:** “How many tens does each number have? So which is greater? Now read it from the left.”

Tip: A child who reads 3 < 8 as greater than started from the 8. Read every one aloud, left to right, every time.