

## COMPARING NUMBERS

When comparing two numbers, you figure out if one number is GREATER or LESS THAN the other number.

You can use SIGNS to show if a number is greater than, less than, or equal to another number:

$>$  is the sign for **greater than**

$<$  is the sign for **less than**

$=$  is



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**Examples:**

$16 > 12$  The number **16** is **GREATER THAN** the number **12**.

$4 < 8$  The number **4** is **LESS THAN** the number **8**.

**Examples of comparing number sentences:**

$5 + 2 < 4 + 7$        $5 + 2 = 7$  is LESS THAN  $4 + 7 = 11$

$3 + 5 > 2 + 3$        $3 + 5 = 8$  is GREATER THAN  $2 + 3 = 5$

$8 + 2 = 5 + 5$        $8 + 2 = 10$  is EQUAL TO  $5 + 5 = 10$