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

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