

Compare Without Calculating

Practice — ANSWER KEY

Both numbers move. Does it balance out?

Think: Swapping the order doesn't change a sum. Adding to one and taking from the other can cancel.

1. Use $<$, $>$, or $=$ to compare. Do NOT calculate — reason it out!

1) $26 + 16 = 27 + 15$

2) $40 - 5 < 40 + 5$

3) $17 + 16 = 18 + 15$

4) $39 - 12 = 40 - 13$

5) $25 - 7 < 25 + 7$

6) $17 - 15 < 17 + 15$

7) $43 + 3 = 3 + 43$

8) $22 - 12 < 22 + 12$

9) $39 + 14 = 14 + 39$

10) $49 - 11 < 49 + 11$

11) $17 - 12 < 17 + 12$

12) $40 + 7 = 7 + 40$

13) $27 - 19 < 27 + 19$

14) $31 - 4 < 31 + 4$

15) $22 - 20 < 22 + 20$

16) $41 - 13 < 41 + 13$

17) $45 + 11 = 11 + 45$

18) $21 - 17 < 21 + 17$

19) $49 - 5 < 49 + 5$

20) $39 + 10 = 40 + 9$

21) $24 - 12 = 25 - 13$

22) $21 + 3 = 22 + 2$

23) $33 + 16 = 34 + 15$

24) $45 - 15 = 46 - 16$