

Compare Without Calculating

Practice

Both numbers move. Does it balance out?

Name: _____ Date: _____

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) $45 - 15$ ____ $46 - 16$