

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) $19 - 16$ ____ $20 - 17$

2) $27 + 16$ ____ $28 + 15$

3) $38 - 15$ ____ $38 + 15$

4) $33 + 11$ ____ $34 + 10$

5) $26 - 7$ ____ $26 + 7$

6) $33 - 8$ ____ $34 - 9$

7) $36 - 19$ ____ $36 + 19$

8) $41 + 8$ ____ $8 + 41$

9) $32 + 14$ ____ $33 + 13$

10) $42 - 15$ ____ $43 - 16$

11) $34 - 4$ ____ $35 - 5$

12) $20 + 17$ ____ $21 + 16$

13) $40 - 11$ ____ $40 + 11$

14) $15 - 17$ ____ $15 + 17$

15) $21 + 10$ ____ $10 + 21$

16) $32 + 10$ ____ $10 + 32$

17) $50 - 18$ ____ $51 - 19$

18) $50 + 9$ ____ $9 + 50$

19) $46 + 20$ ____ $47 + 19$

20) $21 - 19$ ____ $22 - 20$

21) $24 - 12$ ____ $24 + 12$

22) $46 + 18$ ____ $18 + 46$

23) $40 - 19$ ____ $40 + 19$

24) $32 - 7$ ____ $33 - 8$