

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) $38 + 9 = 39 + 8$

2) $15 + 12 = 16 + 11$

3) $35 - 9 = 36 - 10$

4) $17 + 5 = 18 + 4$

5) $25 - 11 < 25 + 11$

6) $50 + 19 = 51 + 18$

7) $18 + 17 = 19 + 16$

8) $47 + 11 = 48 + 10$

9) $24 + 17 = 25 + 16$

10) $20 + 12 = 12 + 20$

11) $16 + 11 = 17 + 10$

12) $23 - 12 = 24 - 13$

13) $25 - 12 < 25 + 12$

14) $43 + 14 = 44 + 13$

15) $23 + 10 = 24 + 9$

16) $47 + 12 = 12 + 47$

17) $44 - 17 < 44 + 17$

18) $38 - 16 < 38 + 16$

19) $31 - 9 < 31 + 9$

20) $23 - 16 < 23 + 16$

21) $17 - 9 < 17 + 9$

22) $36 + 18 = 37 + 17$

23) $35 + 4 = 4 + 35$

24) $37 - 11 < 37 + 11$