

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) $38 + 9$ ____ $39 + 8$

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) $37 - 11$ ____ $37 + 11$