

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) $34 - 18 = 35 - 19$

2) $39 + 19 = 19 + 39$

3) $31 + 8 = 32 + 7$

4) $43 + 14 = 14 + 43$

5) $32 - 11 = 33 - 12$

6) $24 + 8 = 25 + 7$

7) $50 + 7 = 51 + 6$

8) $30 - 10 = 31 - 11$

9) $16 - 8 < 16 + 8$

10) $21 - 3 < 21 + 3$

11) $26 + 14 = 14 + 26$

12) $49 + 18 = 18 + 49$

13) $26 + 13 = 27 + 12$

14) $43 + 5 = 44 + 4$

15) $19 + 19 = 20 + 18$

16) $26 - 9 = 27 - 10$

17) $46 + 8 = 8 + 46$

18) $30 - 8 = 31 - 9$

19) $35 + 18 = 18 + 35$

20) $39 - 10 < 39 + 10$

21) $18 - 20 = 19 - 21$

22) $22 + 6 = 6 + 22$

23) $26 - 13 < 26 + 13$

24) $36 - 11 = 37 - 12$