

Comparing Numbers

Lesson 3

In Focus



Who has the greatest number of coins?
Who has the smallest number of coins?

Let's Learn

Compare the number of coins.

Ruby

tens	ones
7	5

75 = 7 tens and 5 ones

Sam

tens	ones
6	3

63 = 6 tens and 3 ones

Charles

tens	ones
6	9

69 = 6 tens and 9 ones

Compare the number of tens.



Both 63 and 69 have 6 tens. What should we compare next?

7 tens is more than 6 tens.
75 is more than 63.
75 is more than 69.
75 is the greatest.

3 ones is less than 9 ones.
63 is less than 69.
63 is the smallest.

$75 > 63$

$63 < 69$

$75 > 69$



Is it < or >?

We can arrange the numbers in order.

75, 69, 63 63, 69, 75

greatest smallest smallest greatest

Play in groups of 3 to 4.

- Take turns to take two cards. Use the digits to make a 2-digit number.
- Compare the numbers. The player with the greatest 2-digit number wins!

What you need:



Which is more, 18 or 81?



Example

8	1	6	2	1	8
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greatest

Guided Practice

1 Compare the numbers.

tens	ones

 = tens and ones

 is more than .

2 Arrange the numbers in order. Start with the greatest.

92, 98, 89



3 Write using < or >.

- 56 65
- 68 69
- 92 89