

Comparing
numbers

When we compare numbers we can use words and signs.

greatest

We use this word
when the number is
the largest or biggest
number.

smallest

*We use this word
when the number is
the lowest number.*

equal to

We use these words
when both numbers
are the same.

Have a go at these
practise questions.

Which number is the smallest?

twelve

20

6

sixteen

Which number is the greatest?

9

eighteen

four

11

Say the missing words. Choose from the words below.

less than

greater than

equal to

12 is _____ 15

20 is _____ twenty

18 is _____ 13

< > =

We use these signs
to compare numbers
too.

$$3 < 16$$

*This means smaller than.
We read it left to right.*

3 is less than 16.

3 is smaller than 16.

$$20 > 4$$

*This means greater than.
We read it left to right.*

*20 is more than 4.
20 is greater than 4.*

$$10 = 10$$

This means equal to. We read it left to right.

*10 is equal to 10.
10 is the same as 10.*

< >

These 2 signs are like crocodile mouths. The crocodile likes to eat the biggest number so face the mouth to the greatest number.

Have a go at these
practise questions.

Write < > or = in each gap.

$15 \square 9$

$5 \square 12$

$14 \square 14$

Can you tell your adult a sentence for each one? Remember start from the left!

Put a number in each box.

17 is greater than

13 <

= 1 ten and 6 ones

Can you tell your adult a sentence for each one? Remember start from the left!

Now have a go at
your sheet!