

# Matching equations

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**This task is about writing number sentences that compare two expressions by using less than, greater than, or equal to.**

## Practical Task

You and a buddy will be given a pack of cards with number expressions on each card. You will also have cards with  $>$ ,  $<$  and  $=$  on them.

- Shuffle the pack of cards and place it face down between you.
- The first player takes 2 cards from the pack.
- Place the first card on the left and the second card on the right.
- Choose the correct card from  $<$ ,  $>$  or  $=$  to place in between the two cards to make the number sentence true, e.g.,  $1 + 3 = 2 + 2$
- Read the number sentence to your buddy ("one plus three is equal to "two plus two").
- Write the number sentence in the box provided:  $1 + 3 < 2 + 2$
- Take turns until you each have five number sentences written down.
- Swap sheets and check your buddy's work before handing to your teacher.

Number sentences	Buddy check	Teacher check
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

## Number expression cards

$2+7$	$6-2$	$9+3$	$10+5$
$6+5$	$8+8$	$14-7$	$6+7$
$11+6$	$3+7$	$2+6$	$7+9$
$6+6$	$20-2$	$4+7$	$6+4$
$9+6$	$1+3$	$5+4$	$16-8$
$15-2$	$12+5$	$9+9$	$4+3$

$=$	$<$	$>$
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