

## Comparing Numbers

When **comparing numbers** it best to set the two numbers underneath one another and compare each **place value column**.

Example: Which is larger 790 or 709 ?

	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Units	
1 <sup>st</sup> Number		7	9	0	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Number		7	0	9	

Now we can **compare** starting with our **largest place value columns** on the left. We can see that the **hundreds columns** are worth the same but our first number has more **tens** than our second number. Our first number is the larger of the two.

Therefore  $790 > 709$

Remember  $A > B$  means A is larger than B

$A < B$  means A is smaller than B

And  $A = B$  means both numbers are worth the same.

Now try comparing these pairs of numbers using the same method. Place the correct symbol in each.

1.  $551 \bigcirc 510$

2.  $550 \bigcirc 525$

3.  $65 \bigcirc 506$

4.  $506 \bigcirc 560$

5.  $501 \bigcirc 515$

6.  $500 \bigcirc 500$

7.  $253 \bigcirc 235$

8.  $2304 \bigcirc 2034$

9.  $2350 \bigcirc 3250$

10.  $602 \bigcirc 6020$

11.  $234 \bigcirc 243$

12.  $26 \bigcirc 62$

## Answers

1. 551 > 510

2. 550 > 525

3. 65 < 506

4. 506 < 560

5. 501 < 515

6. 500 = 500

7. 253 > 235

8. 2304 > 2034

9. 2350 < 3250

10. 602 < 6020

11. 234 < 243

12. 26 < 62