

## Lesson 7 – Compare Numbers

## NC Objective:

- Count to and across 20, forwards and backwards, from any given number
- Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least

Resources needed:  
Differentiated Sheets  
Teaching Slides  
Concrete equipment

Vocabulary: compare, greater than, less than, equal to, most, least, inequality symbols, digits

Children build on comparing numbers to 10 by comparing numbers up to 20. Children are given abstract numbers written in digits and need to be encouraged to use previous learning to choose an efficient method to compare numbers, Children should still compare numbers below 10 as well as above.

Key Questions: What happens to the signs when you swap the numbers around? What does compare mean? What language will you use when comparing? Will zero always be the smallest number when comparing? What numbers are you comparing? Which number is the largest/greatest? How do you know? Which number is the smallest? How do you know? Which symbol can you use in your statement?

## ★ Working Towards

Compare numbers		Teaching Slides	
Circle the <b>greatest</b> number.	Circle the <b>smallest</b> number.	Circle the number that is <b>equal to</b> the <b>middle</b> .	Circle the number that is <b>worth the least</b> .
7 19 11	18 16 20	13 16 2	4 14 11
3	11	4	20
Circle the <b>smallest</b> number.	Circle the <b>greatest</b> number.		
16 15 5	17 19 9		
6	13		
Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.			
15 <input type="text"/> 5	13 <input type="text"/> 11	18 <input type="text"/> 20	
14 <input type="text"/> 14	16 <input type="text"/> 18	19 <input type="text"/> 9	

On this sheet, children find the greatest and least number only from numbers represented as digits. They compare numbers in digits.

## ★★ Working Within

Compare numbers		Teaching Slides	
Circle the <b>greatest</b> number.	Circle the <b>smallest</b> number.	Circle the number that is <b>equal to</b> the <b>middle</b> .	Circle the number that is <b>worth the least</b> .
7 eight 11	18 nine 20	19 six 2	4 sixteen 11
thirteen	fifteen	eleven	sixteen
Circle the <b>smallest</b> number.	Circle the <b>greatest</b> number.		
16 twenty 15	17 19 9		
eighteen	three		
Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.			
fifteen <input type="text"/> 5	thirteen <input type="text"/> eleven	18 <input type="text"/> twenty	
fourteen <input type="text"/> 14	sixteen <input type="text"/> 16	19 <input type="text"/> 9	

On this sheet, children find the greatest and least number from numbers represented as digits and words. They compare numbers in digits and words and fill in missing numbers to make the comparison symbol sentence correct.

## ★★★ Greater Depth

Compare numbers		Teaching Slides	
Circle the <b>greatest</b> number.	Circle the <b>smallest</b> number.	Circle the number that is <b>equal to</b> the <b>middle</b> .	Circle the number that is <b>worth the least</b> .
20 = ten	eight + 2	one + 15	
thirteen = 0	eleven = six	0 = nine	20 = sixteen
Circle the <b>smallest</b> number.	Circle the <b>greatest</b> number.		
20 = zero	seven + four	seven = 1	seven = 1
7 = four	4 = four	7 = eleven	seven = 0
Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.			
fifteen <input type="text"/> 5 + 10	thirteen <input type="text"/> eleven + 1	2 <input type="text"/> twenty	
fourteen <input type="text"/> 14 + 1	seven <input type="text"/> 9	11 <input type="text"/> 4	

Children on this sheet have a secure knowledge of comparing numbers to 20. To continue their fluency, they find totals with calculations that have been mixed with numbers represented as words and digits.

## Reasoning &amp; Problem Solving

Compare Numbers		Reasoning & Problem Solving	
Mal has two jars of sweets.		Fill in the gaps.	
A	B	11 is <input type="text"/> than 16.	
sweets	sweets	16 is <input type="text"/> than 18.	
16		Tick the statements that are true.	
A has the least amount of sweets.		11 is <input type="text"/> than 10 but <input type="text"/> than 20.	
How many sweets could be in B?		16 is <input type="text"/> than 17 but <input type="text"/> than 18.	

Compare Numbers		Reasoning & Problem Solving	
Mal has three jars of sweets.		Fill in the gaps.	
A	B	C	
sweets	sweets	sweets	
13		18	
A has the least amount of sweets.			
O has the most amount of sweets.			
How many sweets could be in B?			

Compare Numbers		Reasoning & Problem Solving	
Mal has four jars of sweets.		Fill in the gaps.	
A	B	C	D
sweets	sweets	sweets	sweets
13		19	
A has the least amount of sweets.			
O has the most amount of sweets.			
How many sweets could be in A and C?			

Circle the **greatest** number.

7                      19  
                    3                      11

Circle the **smallest** number.

18                      16  
                    11                      20

Circle the number that is **worth** the **most**.

13                      16  
                    4                      2

Circle the number that is **worth** the **least**.

4                      14  
                    20                      11

Circle the **smallest** number.

16                      15  
                    6                      5

Circle the **greatest** number.

17                      19  
                    13                      9

Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.

$<$                        $=$                        $>$   
less than                      equal to                      greater than

15 ○ 5

13 ○ 11

18 ○ 20

14 ○ 14

16 ○ 18

19 ○ 9

Circle the **greatest** number.

7

3

19

11

Circle the **smallest** number.

18

16

11

20

Circle the number that is **worth** the **most**.

13

4

16

2

Circle the number that is **worth** the **least**.

4

14

20

11

Circle the **smallest** number.

16

6

15

5

Circle the **greatest** number.

17

13

19

9

Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.

&lt;

less than

=

equal to

&gt;

greater than

15

&gt;

5

13

&gt;

11

18

&lt;

20

14

=

14

16

&lt;

18

19

&gt;

9



Circle the **greatest** number.

7                      eight  
thirteen                      11

Circle the **smallest** number.

18                      nine  
fifteen                      20

Circle the number that is **worth** the **most**.

19                      six  
eleven                      2

Circle the number that is **worth** the **least**.

4                      nineteen  
sixteen                      11

Circle the **smallest** number.

16                      15  
twenty                      eighteen

Circle the **greatest** number.

17                      19  
three                      9

Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.

<                      =                      >  
less than                      equal to                      greater than

Fifteen  5

Thirteen  Eleven

18  Twenty

Fourteen  14

Sixteen  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  19



Circle the **greatest** number.

7                      eight  
                                  thirteen                      11

Circle the **smallest** number.

18                      nine  
                                  fifteen                      20

Circle the number that is **worth** the **most**.

19                      six  
                                  eleven                      2

Circle the number that is **worth** the **least**.

4                      nineteen  
                                  sixteen                      11

Circle the **smallest** number.

16                      15  
                                  twenty                      eighteen

Circle the **greatest** number.

17                      19  
                                  three                      9

Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.

<                      =                      >  
 less than                      equal to                      greater than

Fifteen > 5

Thirteen > Eleven

18 < Twenty

Fourteen = 14

sixteen < 17-20

0-18 < 19

Circle the **greatest** number.

20 – ten      eight + 2  
thirteen + 0      11 – six

Circle the **smallest** number.

eleven – six      one + 15  
0 + nine      20 – sixteen

Circle the number that is **worth** the **most**.

twenty – zero      11 + two  
13 + 3      18 – four

Circle the number that is **worth** the **least**.

fourteen – 4      7 + seven  
11 + 6      thirteen – five

Circle the **smallest** number.

20 + zero      sixteen + four  
7 + four      4 – four

Circle the **greatest** number.

fifteen – 15      eighteen + 1  
7 + eleven      two – 0

Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.

Fifteen  
+ 3

○

5 + 10

Thirteen  
– 8

○

Eleven  
+ 1

2 + 18

○

Twenty

Fourteen  
– 1

○

14 + 1

Sixteen  
– 9

<

\_\_\_\_\_

<

\_\_\_\_\_

11 + 4



Circle the **greatest** number.

20 – ten      eight + 2  
thirteen + 0      11 – six

Circle the **smallest** number.

eleven – six      one + 15  
0 + nine      20 – sixteen

Circle the number that is **worth** the **most**.

twenty – zero      11 + two  
13 + 3      18 – four

Circle the number that is **worth** the **least**.

fourteen – 4      7 + seven  
11 + 6      thirteen – five

Circle the **smallest** number.

20 + zero      sixteen + four  
7 + four      4 – four

Circle the **greatest** number.

fifteen – 15      eighteen + 1  
7 + eleven      two – 0

Add comparison symbols to compare the numbers.

Fifteen + 3  $>$  5 + 10

Thirteen – 8  $<$  Eleven + 1

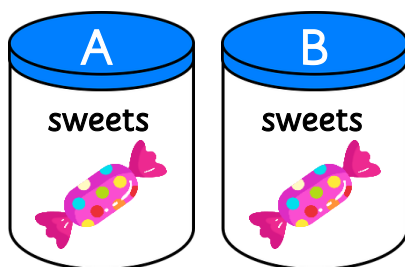
2 + 18  $=$  Twenty

Fourteen – 1  $<$  14 + 1

sixteen – 9  $<$  8 – 20

0 – 14  $<$  11 + 4

Mal has two jars of sweets.



16



A has the least amount of sweets.

How many sweets could be in B?

Fill in the gaps.

\_\_\_\_\_ is less than 16.

\_\_\_\_\_ is more than 16.

Tick the statements that are true.

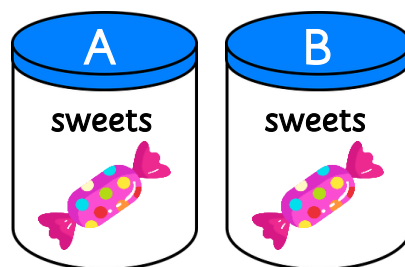
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16 is more than 17 but less than 19.

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Mal has two jars of sweets.



16



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How many sweets could be in B?

Fill in the gaps.

\_\_\_\_\_ is less than 16.

\_\_\_\_\_ is more than 16.

Tick the statements that are true.

11 is more than 10 but less than 20.

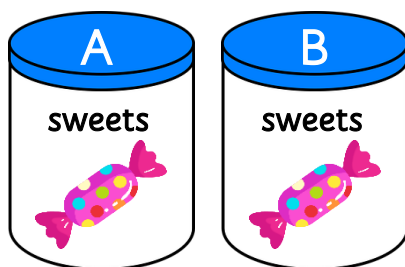
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16 is more than 17 but less than 19.

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Mal has two jars of sweets.



16

17 - 20



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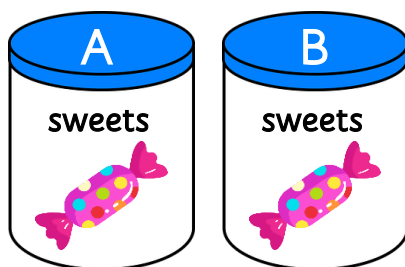
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16 is more than 17 but less than 19.



Mal has two jars of sweets.



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17 - 20



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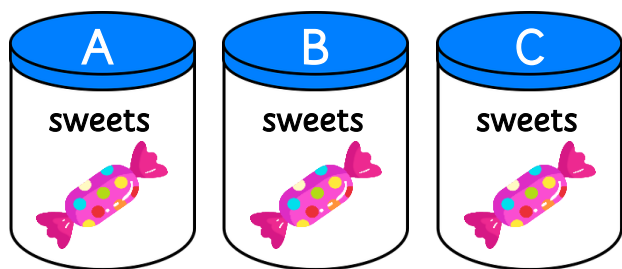
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16 is more than 17 but less than 19.



Mal has three jars of sweets.



13

18



A has the least amount of sweets.  
C has the most amount of sweets.

How many sweets could be in B?

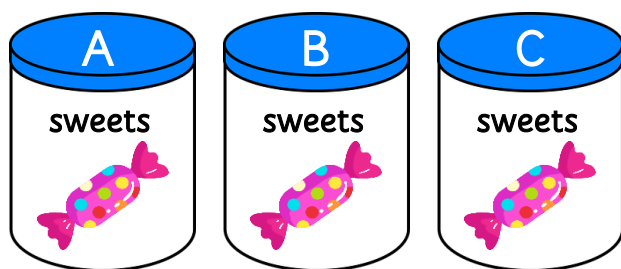
Fill in the gaps.

\_\_\_\_\_ is more than 18 but less than 20.

\_\_\_\_\_ is less than 16 but more than 12.

\_\_\_\_\_ is less than 14 but more than 8.

Mal has three jars of sweets.



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18



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C has the most amount of sweets.

How many sweets could be in B?

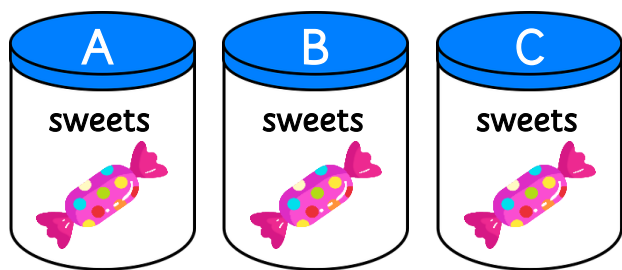
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14 - 17

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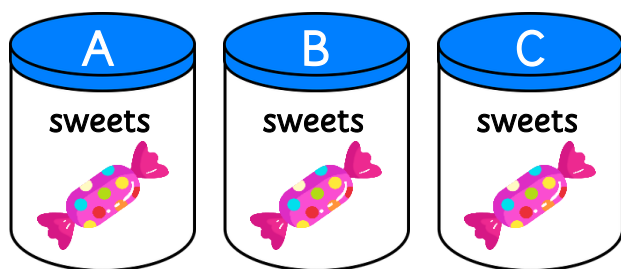
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14 - 17

18



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C has the most amount of sweets.

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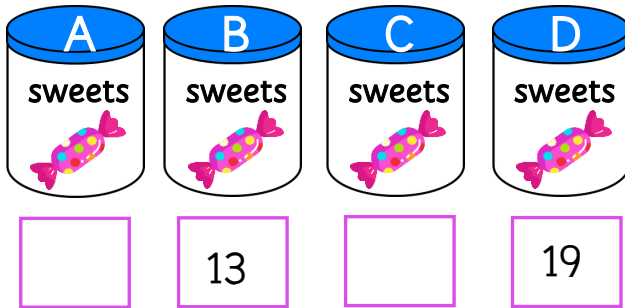
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19 is more than 18 but less than 20.

13 - 15 is less than 16 but more than 12.

9 - 13 is less than 14 but more than 8.

Mal has four jars of sweets.



A has the least amount of sweets.  
D has the most amount of sweets.

How many sweets could be in A and C?

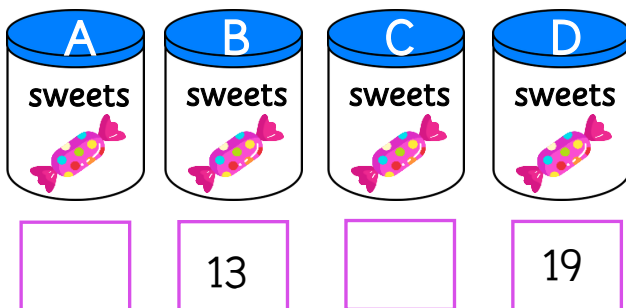
Fill in the gaps.

\_\_\_\_\_ is **more than** fifteen but **less than** 2 tens.

18 is **less than** \_\_\_\_\_ but **more than** fourteen.

\_\_\_\_\_ is **less than** 16 but **more than** 12.

Mal has four jars of sweets.



A has the least amount of sweets.  
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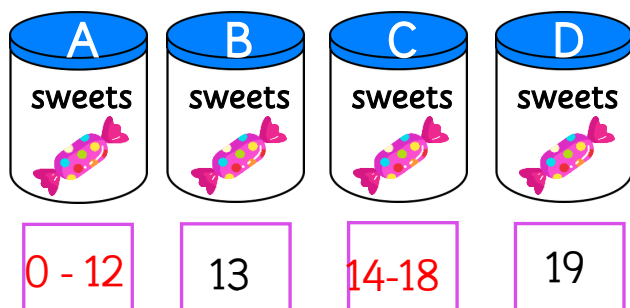
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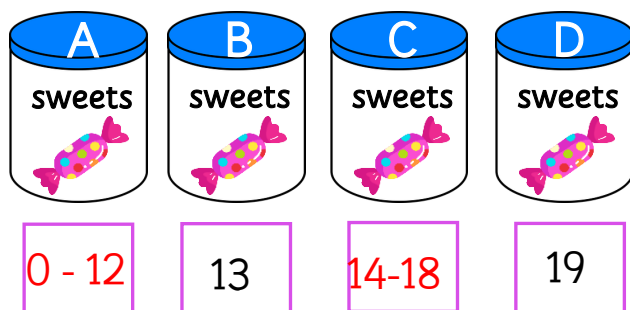
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16 - 19 is **more than** fifteen but **less than** 2 tens.

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13 - 15 is **less than** 16 but **more than** 12.

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