Sign Detective

Compare two-digit numbers by circling true number sentences.

MT.1.NBT.3 "Compare two two-digit numbers using comparison symbols >, =, and <."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 COMPARE TENS

a	29=51	29>51	29<51
b	76>42	76<42	76=42

2 COMPARE ONES

a	34=39	34<39	34>39
b	58<58	58>58	58=58
c	67>62	67=62	67<62

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and give students time to compare the printed numbers. Students show the skill by choosing the correct sign, including when the tens digits are the same.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · COMPARE TENS

SAY "Look at the tens in each pair of numbers. Circle the number sentence that is true."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which number sentence about 29 and 51 is true? Circle it.	**29<51**
b	Which number sentence about 76 and 42 is true? Circle it.	**76>42**

PART 2 · COMPARE ONES

SAY "These pairs have the same tens. Look at the ones, then circle the number sentence that is true."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which number sentence about 34 and 39 is true? Circle it.	**34<39**
b	Which number sentence about 58 and 58 is true? Circle it.	**58=58**
c	Which number sentence about 67 and 62 is true? Circle it.	**67>62**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Correct sentences, in order: 29<51, 76>42, 34<39, 58=58, and 67>62. Record any help given separately from students' independent choices.