

Sheet 14: Comparing 2-Digit Numbers

Worked example:

Max the monkey is comparing 42 and 45. Look at the tens: both have 4 tens. Look at the ones: 2 is less than 5. So, $42 < 45$.

Answer: $42 < 45$

- **Use $<$, $>$, or $=$ to compare these numbers:**

23 ___ 28 56 ___ 51 34 ___ 34 72 ___ 69

- **Max has 84p and Zara has 89p. Who has more money? Write the number sentence.**

Max: 84p Zara: 89p

- **Circle the largest number in each pair:**

33 or 39 67 or 76 91 or 19

- **Explain why 52 is bigger than 49 by talking about the tens.**

52 has ___ tens and 49 has ___ tens.

Self-check: Check your answers by looking at the tens digit first; if they are the same, check which number has more ones.

Ready for next: If you can confidently compare 2-digit numbers using $<$, $>$, and $=$, you are ready to learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10!