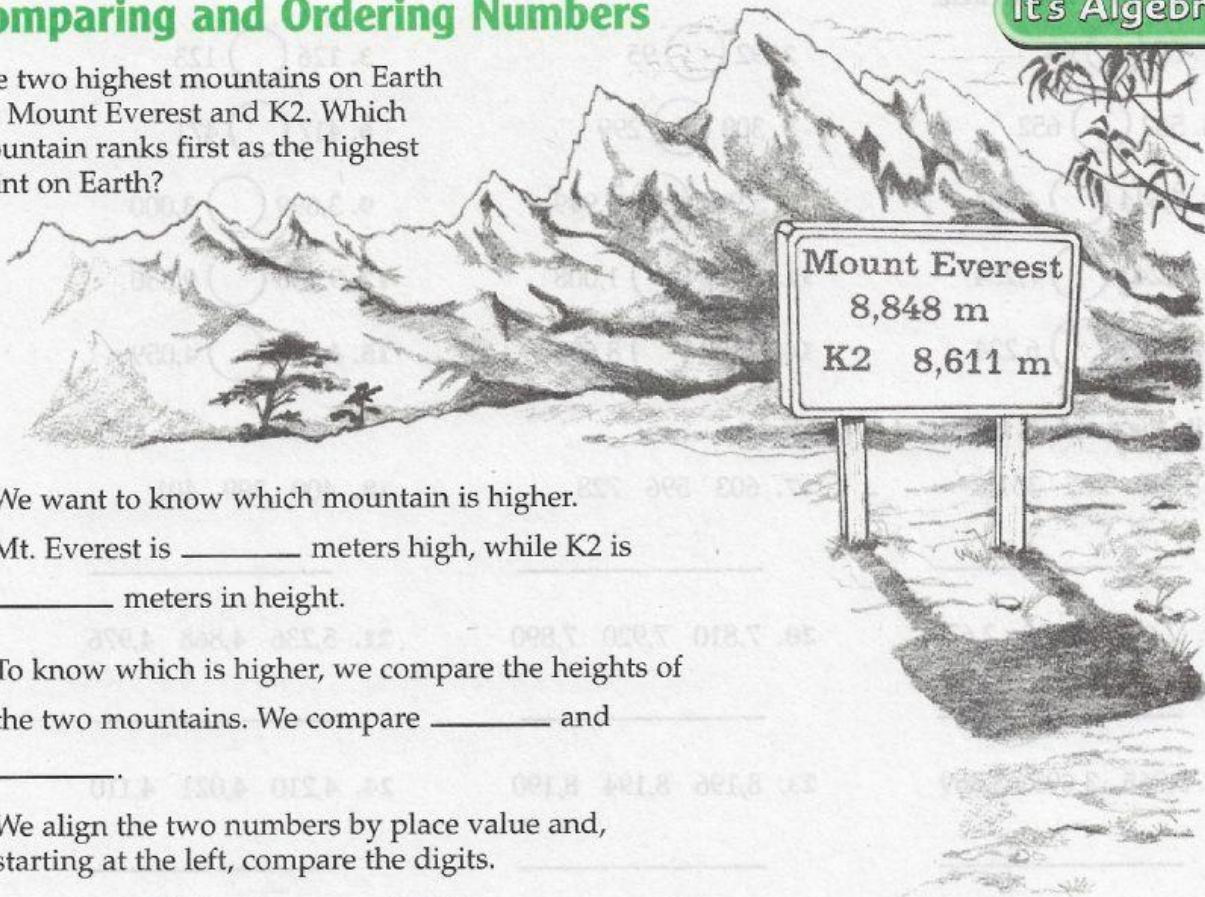


Comparing and Ordering Numbers

The two highest mountains on Earth are Mount Everest and K2. Which mountain ranks first as the highest point on Earth?



We want to know which mountain is higher.

Mt. Everest is _____ meters high, while K2 is _____ meters in height.

To know which is higher, we compare the heights of the two mountains. We compare _____ and _____.

We align the two numbers by place value and, starting at the left, compare the digits.

8,848	8,848
8,611	8,611
8 = 8	8 > 6

We say 8,848 is **greater than** 8,611 or 8,611 is **less than** 8,848.

We write $8,848 > 8,611$ or $8,611 < 8,848$.

_____ is the highest mountain on Earth.

Getting Started

Write $<$ or $>$ in the circle.

1. 73 76

2. 246 426

3. 3,287 3,247

4. 5,275 6,796

5. 4,572 4,562

6. 9,205 9,215

Write the numbers in order from least to greatest.

7. 5,246 4,375 6,295

8. 6,203 6,245 6,196

9. 3,058 3,028 3,167