

Comparing and Ordering Numbers

It's Algebra!

There are six U.S. national parks between 200,000 and 250,000 acres in size.

Which is larger, Capitol Reef Park or Channel Islands Park?

U.S. National Parks	Acres
Capitol Reef (Utah)	241,904
Channel Islands (Calif.)	249,354
Volcanoes (Hawaii)	209,695
Mt. Rainier (Wash.)	235,612
Rocky Mountain (Colo.)	265,727
Voyageurs (Minn.)	218,035

We want to name the larger of the two national parks.

We know that Capitol Reef Park has _____ acres

and Channel Islands Park has _____ acres.

To compare numbers, write them in a column so that the ones digits are aligned.

241,904

249,354

Start at the left and compare digits. The hundred thousands are the same. The ten thousands are the same. But 9 thousands are greater than 1 thousand.

$249,354 > 241,904$

_____ Park is larger than _____ Park.



Getting Started

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

1. $364 \bigcirc 374$

2. $3,296 \bigcirc 3,293$

3. $7,243 \bigcirc 7,234$

4. $23,015 \bigcirc 23,150$

5. $16,894 \bigcirc 17,894$

6. $8,674 \bigcirc 986$

Order the numbers from least to greatest.

7. 396, 387, 390

8. 9,500; 9,275; 9,268

9. 459, 470, 453, 460

10. 74,601; 74,106; 74,016

11. 952,650; 592,065; 529,056