Comparing Decimals

COMPARISON SIGNS

>	<	=
Greater than	Less than	Equal to

When you compare decimals follow these steps.

Step 1 Line the numbers up by the decimal points

34. 304	1. 3	0.5
34. 430	1. 103	0.50

Step 2 Compare the numbers starting from the extreme left and continue comparing until arriving at unlike digits.

3	4	.	3	0	4
3	4	.	4	3	0

1	.	3		
1	.	1	0	3

0	.	5		
0	.	5	0	

Step 3 Use a comparison sign to show the relationship between the two.

34. 304	<	34. 430
1.3	>	1. 103
0.5	=	0.50

Step 4 Read it

34.304 is less than 34.430
1.3 is greater than 1.103
0.5 is equal to 0.50

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