

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