MATHEMATICS · KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

Ordering numbers

Difficulty level: Easy

Mathematics: Kindergarten to Grade 3

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Overview of the concept

This is how you sort things from smallest to largest, like ranking race times, comparing prices, or lining up by height. A shopper compares prices to find the cheapest option, and a coach ranks race times to see who finished first. You do the same when you sort test scores, check which phone plan is cheapest, or put books back on a shelf in order. Sorting numbers is the first step to comparing anything fairly.



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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Order 7, 2, 9 from smallest to largest.

SOLUTION

Compare the numbers two at a time. 2 is smaller than 7, and 7 is smaller than 9.

2, 7, 9

EXAMPLE 2

Q Order 15, 8, 21 from largest to smallest.

SOLUTION

Compare the numbers two at a time. 21 is bigger than 15, and 15 is bigger than 8.

21, 15, 8

Practice questions

1 **Order 4, 1, 7 from smallest to largest.**

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2 What number comes just after 39?

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3 Which is greater: 98 or 105?

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4 Write 14 ? 9 with > or <.

A 14 > 9

B 14 < 9

C 14 = 9

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5 **Which is the smallest of 14, 9, 21?**

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6 **What number comes just before 60?**

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7 **What is 10 more than 45?**

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8 **Which number is closest to 50: 47, 52, or 60?**

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9 **How many numbers are between 20 and 30?**

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10 **Which number is between 7 and 9?**

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ANSWER KEY

1. 1, 4, 7

2. 40

3. 105

4. 14 > 9

5. 9

6. 59

7. 55

8. 52

9. 9

10. 8

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