Compare and Order Numbers

Compare 31,072 and 34,318. Write <, >, or =.

Step 1 Align the numbers by place value using grid paper.

Step 2 Compare the digits in each place value. Start at the greatest place.

> Are the digits in the ten thousands place the same? Yes. Move to the thousands place.

Are the digits in the thousands place the same? No. 1 thousand is less than 4 thousands.



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	3	1	0	7	2
	3	4	3	1	8

1 < 4 3 = 3

Step 3 Use the symbols <, >, or = to compare the numbers.

< means is less than.

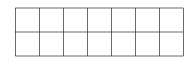
> means is greater than. = means is equal to.

There are two ways to write the comparison.

31,072 (<) 34,318 or 34,318 (>) 31,072

1 Use the grid paper to compare 21,409 and 20,891.

Write <, >, or =. 21,409 (20,891



Compare. Write <, >, or =.

2 \$53,621 (\$53,760 3 82,550 (80,711

Order from greatest to least.

4 16,451; 16,250; 17,014

5 561,028; 582,073; 549,006