

71. Understanding Mathematical Symbols

(=, \neq , $<$, \leq , $>$, \geq)

Practice Questions:

1. Fill in the blank with the correct symbol: =, $<$, or $>$
8 ____ 12

2. Fill in the blank with the correct symbol: =, $<$, or $>$
23 ____ 23

3. Fill in the blank with the correct symbol: =, $<$, or $>$
 $5 + 2$ ____ $9 - 1$

4. Fill in the blank with the correct symbol: =, $<$, or $>$
 -3 ____ -5

5. True or False: $16 \geq 15$

6. Write an inequality to show that x is greater than or equal to 10.

7. Arrange the following numbers in ascending order using symbols to show size: 4, 0, -2 , 8

8. Rewrite this statement using words: $17 \neq 9$

9. Use $>$ to compare the following numbers: -7 and 4?

10. Write an inequality to show that x is less than or equal to 50.

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Scenario Questions:

1. Sam has 12 apples, and Jake has 9 apples. Write an inequality to show who has which quantity of apples is larger.

Sam's apples _____ Jake's apples

2. A bus can hold up to 40 passengers. Use \leq , $<$, $>$ or \geq to make the statement represent this.

The number of people on the bus _____ 40 people

3. A store sells two brands of cereal: one weighs 500g, and the other weighs 750g. Complete the inequality to compare the weights.

500g _____ 750g

4. The temperature in City A is -2°C , and in City B it's 3°C . Using $<$, $>$ or $=$ complete the mathematical statement to compare the temperatures.

-2°C _____ 3°C

5. A football team needs at least 9 players to play a match. Use \leq , $<$, $>$ or \geq to make the statement below true.

Players on football team _____ 9 players

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Scenario Questions:

6. A movie ticket costs £8. Sarah has £6. Write an inequality to show if Sarah has more or less money than the cost of a movie ticket.

7. A car must not exceed 70 mph on a motorway. Write an inequality to show the cars speed in relation to 70 mph.

8. Anna is 5 feet 5 inches tall. Bob is 6 feet tall. Write a mathematical statement to compare their heights.

9. A park sign says, "Dogs weighing 20 kg and over must be on a lead." Write an inequality to indicate the relationship between dogs off leads and 20kg.

10. A bakery sells cupcakes for £2 each. John has £10. Write an inequality to show the maximum number of cupcakes he can buy.

ANSWERS

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Practice Questions:

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| 1. $8 < 12$ | 6. $x \geq 10$ |
| 2. $23 = 23$ | 7. $-2 < 0 < 4 < 8$ |
| 3. $5 + 2 < 9 - 1$ | 8. 17 is not equal to 9 |
| 4. $-3 > -5$ | 9. $4 > -7$ |
| 5. True | 10. $x \leq 50$ |

Scenario Questions:

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| 1. Sam's apples $>$ Jake's apples | 6. $\text{£}6 < \text{Movie Ticket}$ |
| 2. People on bus ≤ 40 | 7. Speed ≤ 70 mph |
| 3. $500 \text{ g} > 750 \text{ g}$ | 8. Anna $<$ Bob |
| 4. $-2^{\circ}\text{C} < 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ | 9. Dogs off leads $< 20 \text{ kg}$ |
| 5. Players on team ≥ 9 players | 10. Cupcakes < 5 |

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