



## Use the Number Strip to Compare Numbers

### Understanding the Topic

- A number strip is a line with numbers written in order from smallest to biggest
- We use the number strip to compare numbers and know which is greater, smaller, or equal
- Numbers to the right are greater, and numbers to the left are smaller
- Number strips help children to visualize number order and compare easily

### How to Use the Number Strip

- **Step 1:** Look at the two numbers
- **Step 2:** Find both numbers on the number strip
- **Step 3:** See which number is on the right (greater) or left (smaller)
- **Step 4:** Use symbols  $<$ ,  $>$ , or  $=$  to compare

### Examples with Solutions

#### Example 1

Compare: 4 and 6

On the number strip, 6 is to the right of 4

**Answer:**  $4 < 6$

#### Example 2

Compare: 9 and 2

On the number strip, 9 is to the right of 2

**Answer:**  $9 > 2$

#### Example 3

Compare: 7 and 7

Both are at the same place on the number strip

**Answer:**  $7 = 7$

#### Example 4

Compare: 3 and 5



3 is to the left of 5

**Answer:**  $3 < 5$

#### **Example 5**

Compare: 10 and 8

10 is to the right of 8

**Answer:**  $10 > 8$

#### **Summary Points**

- A number strip shows numbers from small to big
- Numbers to the right are greater, to the left are smaller
- Helps in comparing numbers easily using  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $=$
- Builds strong number sense and understanding of order
- Practice with number strips helps in fast and correct comparisons