## Compare and Order Whole Numbers Through 100,000

You can use place value to compare and order whole numbers.

When you compare numbers, you find out if one number is greater than another number. When you order numbers, you list 3 or more numbers from least to greatest or from greatest to least.

Did You Know?
STRATEGY When
you order numbers, you begin by comparing the numbers. Use place value and compare the digits from left to right.

When you compare and order numbers, you use words or symbols such as greater than $(>)$, less than ( $<$ ), or equal to ( $=$ ).

Last year, animals in a zoo ate 578 pounds of meat, 592 pounds of fruit, and 459 pounds of vegetables. What are the types of food eaten in order from least to greatest weight?

To order numbers, use place value to compare the digits from left to right.
Step 1 Compare the digits in the greatest place value. The greatest place value is hundreds. Compare the hundreds.

There are $\qquad$ hundreds in 578 .

There are $\qquad$ hundreds in 592.

There are $\qquad$ hundreds in 459.

5 hundreds $>4$ hundreds, so 459 is the least number.
Step 2 When the digits in the greatest place value are the same, compare the digits in the next place to the right.

Which is greater: 578 or 592? Remember, compare the tens.
7 tens $<9$ tens, so $\qquad$ is the greatest number.

Step 3 Write the numbers 578, 592, and 459 in order from least to greatest.
$\qquad$ $<$ $\qquad$ $<$ $\qquad$
What are the types of food eaten in order from least to greatest weight?

## $\star$ Practice

## DIRECTIONS Read and answer each question carefully.

1 Brendan wrote the following:

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8,425<8,369
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Is he correct?
(A) Yes, because 5 ones is less than 9 ones
(B) Yes, because 2 tens is less than 6 tens
(C) No, because 8 thousands is equal to 8 thousands
(D) No, because 4 hundreds is greater than 3 hundreds

3 Fiona, Kyle, and Heather each have a bag of pennies.


Which statement is true?
(A) Fiona and Kyle have the same number of pennies because $283=265$.
(B) Heather has fewer pennies than Fiona because $309<283$.

Kyle has more pennies than Heather because $265>309$.

Fiona has more pennies than Kyle because $283>265$.

4 Help Will put the numbers in order from greatest to least.
(A) Fewer people live in Delta than Somerset because $78,622<76,934$.
(B) More people live in Waterville than Somerset because $77,218>76,934$.
(C) Fewer people live in Delta than Waterville because $78,622<77,218$.
(D) The same number of people live in Delta and Brighton because 78,622 = 78,496.

5 A frozen yogurt shop owner records the number of yogurts she sells in a month.

Number of Yogurts Sold

| Flavor | Number Sold |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vanilla | 3,890 |
| Strawberry | 3,602 |
| Chocolate | 4,006 |
| Mint | 3,499 |

Which list shows the number of yogurts sold from least to greatest?
(A) Chocolate < Vanilla $<$ Strawberry $<$ Mint
(B) Mint $<$ Strawberry $<$ Vanilla $<$ Chocolate
(C) Mint < Chocolate < Strawberry $<$ Vanilla
(D) Vanilla $<$ Strawberry $<$ Mint < Chocolate

6 Julia is thinking of a number greater than 5,879 and less than 5,940.

Which number could Julia be thinking of and why?
(A) 5,799 because 5,799 $>5,879$ $>5,940$
(B) 5,799 because 5,799 $<5,940$ < 5,879
(C) 5,915 because 5,915 $<5,879$
< 5,940
(D) 5,915 because 5,879 $<5,915$
< 5,940

