

# COMPARING







## A WHAT IS COMPARING?

### Definition Comparing

**Comparing** means looking at two numbers to see which one is bigger, smaller, or if they are the same.

### Definition Comparison Symbols

To compare numbers, we use three symbols:

=	equal	 4 = 4 
>	greater than	 4 > 2 
<	less than	 3 < 5 

To remember which way the  $>$  and  $<$  signs point, remember this:

- BIG  $>$  small
- small  $<$  BIG

The small end of the symbol always points to the smaller number.