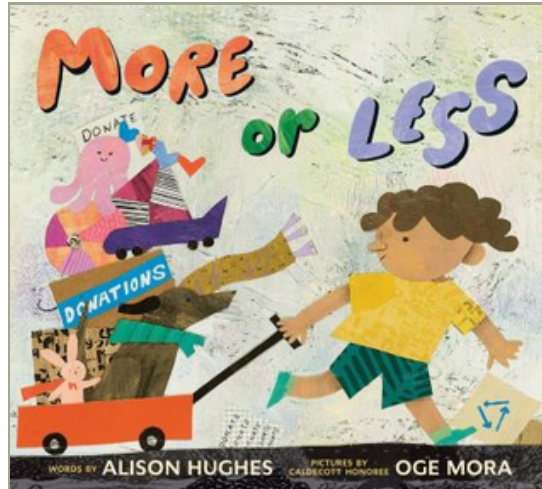


Comparing Amounts with *More or Less*

Book(s) this lesson starter uses:



[More or Less](#) by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Oge Mora

In a nutshell:

- Students will explore comparing numbers and amounts with one of our 2026 Books to Treasure illustrator's works.
- Students will learn the symbols for greater-than, less-than, and equal-to.
- Students will practice using them to compare numbers and objects and discuss how these concepts apply in math and everyday life.

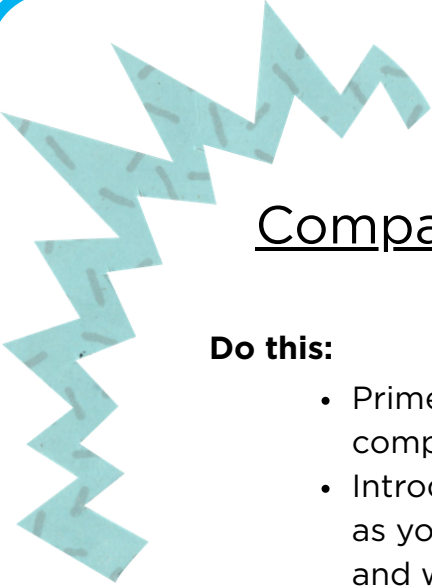
Oklahoma Academic Standards:

- 2.N.1.7 - Use place value to compare and order whole numbers up to 1,000 using comparative language, numbers, and symbols (e.g., $425 > 276$, $73 < 107$, page 351 comes after page 350, 753 is between 700 and 800).

Key Vocabulary:

- Greater-than: one value is greater than another
- Less-than: one value is smaller than another
- Equal-to: quantities are the same
- Symbols like $<$, $>$, and $=$ are used to represent these terms





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Do this:

- Prime students for discussing greater-than and less-than comparisons.
- Introduce the book *More or Less* and *Oge Mora*. Explain that as you read, we will pause to identify what is greater-than and what is less-than throughout the story. You can do a read-aloud or hold up the book and let the students call out the words, whatever works best for your group!
 - Brief book description: “A child discovers ways to have less material things and more emotional reward in life.”
 - *Oge Mora* is the 2026 [Books to Treasure illustrator](#). Books to Treasure is a special program only for 2nd graders in Tulsa Co. You get the opportunity to meet a real-life illustrator, get your own limited-edition library card, and a free book to keep and treasure forever! Mora will be visiting the Tulsa City County Library in November. Your local public librarian will be visiting/ has visited to tell you all about it!
- Students will complete the “Morry the Alligator” printable.
- An optional activity to expand comprehension is to compare *More or Less* with the Morry the Alligator printable. Discuss with students how Morry the Alligator is always choosing between two absolute amounts and how the child in *More or Less* finds greater joy and satisfaction through their choices and actions.



Morry the Alligator



This is Morry, the very hungry alligator. Morry always eats the biggest thing he can find. Morry's mouth works just like greater-than or less-than, it always opens to the biggest thing. Sometimes Morry has to choose between two things that are the same. When things are equal, Morry can't decide what to eat!

Can you draw the greater-than, less-than, or equal-to symbol for each choice below? Which side would Morry eat?



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Greater-than



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Less-than



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Equal-to

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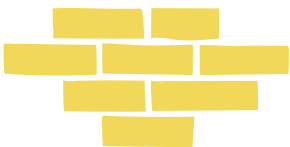
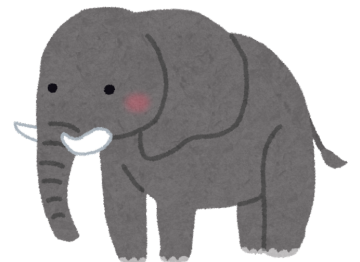


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