

Real Comparisons Answer Key

1. $\frac{3}{8} < \frac{5}{8}$. Noah.
2. $\frac{1}{2} < \frac{3}{4}$. The second recipe.
3. $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{6}$. They walked the same distance.
4. $\frac{5}{10} < \frac{3}{5}$. Ben.
5. $\frac{7}{8} > \frac{3}{4}$. Sofia.
6. $\frac{5}{12} > \frac{1}{3}$. The blue ribbon.
7. $\frac{2}{5} < \frac{1}{2}$. Lucas.
8. $\frac{4}{9} < \frac{5}{9}$. The flower bed with $\frac{5}{9}$ planted.

Teacher's Guide

- Quick implementation tips
 - Encourage students to underline the fractions before comparing them.
 - Remind students to answer both the comparison and the word problem question.
 - Review one example together before independent work.
- Differentiation strategies
 - Allow students to rewrite fractions with common denominators when needed.
 - Challenge advanced students to explain the comparison strategy they used for each problem.
- Engagement ideas
 - Have students discuss each problem with a partner before writing an answer.
 - Ask volunteers to explain how they knew which fraction was greater.
 - Let students create a simple drawing to match one of the word problems.
- Extension activities
 - Have students write two original comparison word problems for a classmate to solve.
 - Ask students to change one fraction in a problem so the comparison becomes equal.