Greater Than, Less Than, Equal To

Three symbols for comparing two numbers.

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greater than

8 is greater than 3



8 > 3

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less than

4 is less than 9

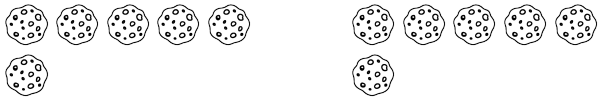


4 < 9

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equal to

6 is equal to 6



6 = 6

How to remember which way it points

The open side always faces the bigger number.
The pointed side faces the smaller number.

Some people think of a hungry alligator:
its mouth opens toward the bigger meal.

Read it from left to right, like a sentence:
9 > 5 says "nine is greater than five."

