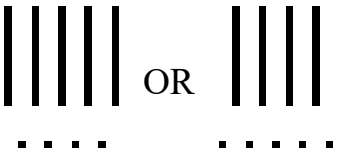
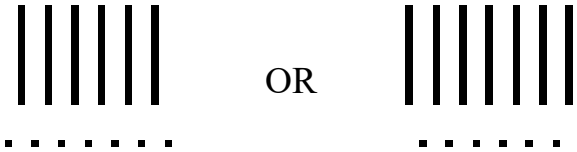
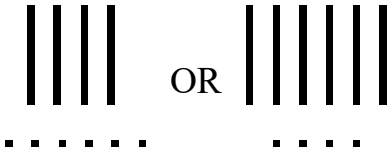
Which Number is Greater?

1. The pictures have ten-sticks and one-dots. Fill in the missing parts.
   Then circle the number that is **more**.

a. OR _3_ tens _6_ ones _36_	____ tens ____ ones _____
b.  OR _54_	_____
c.  OR ____ tens ____ ones _____	____tens ____ ones _____
d.  OR _____	_____

Study the above pictures. Do we first check how many TENS the numbers have or how many ONES the numbers have?

- Check first how many _____ the numbers have.
- If the numbers have the same amount of _____, then compare the _____.

For example:

- 92 has more TENS than 89, so 92 is greater than 89.
- 62 has the same amount of TENS as 66, but it has less ONES than 66. Therefore 62 is less than 66.

The symbol > means "greater than", and < means "less than". Think of it as a hungry alligator's mouth! The open end (the open "mouth") of the symbol ALWAYS points to the **bigger** number—the alligator wants to eat as much as it can!

For example: $3 < 5$ $14 > 3$ $60 > 50$ $48 < 99$ $7 < 17$

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