Greater Than or Less Than

Parents: In year 2, children are taught the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols (< and >), alongside the 'equals' symbol (=), and begin to use these symbols in number sentences. They often learn that the < and > symbols resemble a crocodile's mouth, and the crocodile always eats the bigger number (for example 45<84, 32>20). Children begin by using single numbers on each side, and then may move on to using an addition or subtraction fact on one or both sides – for example 6 + 4 < 20 or 12 > 2 + 5. They may also look at putting an addition or subtraction fact on both sides of the 'equals' symbol (for example 6 + 4 = 7 + 3).
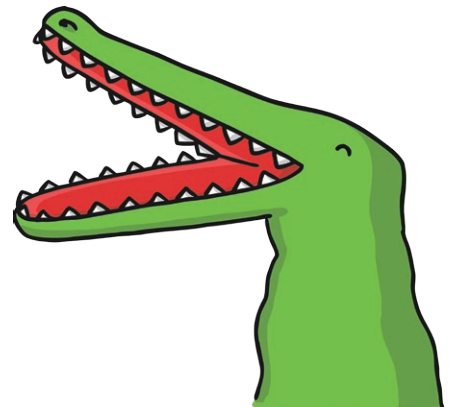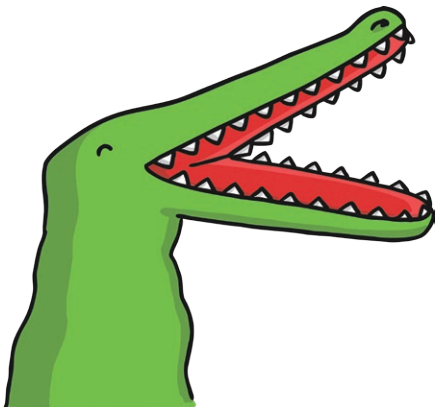
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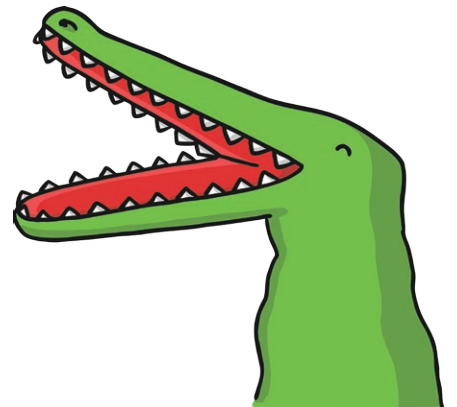|					
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43		27	88		91
36		41	77		77
28		92	21		98
46		32	58		57
88		56	96		95
22		22	16		16

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10		12
16		10
4+1		41
15+5		16
5+5		10
13+10		23
16+4		22

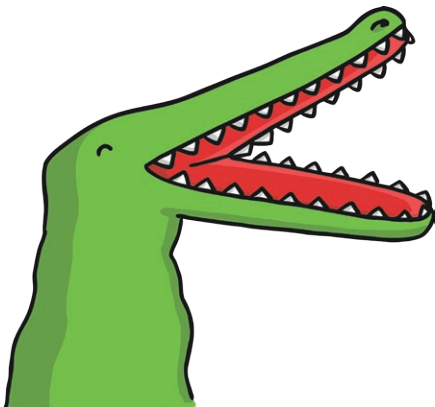|		
38		20
88		91
7+7		14
21+5		25
50+8		57
9+6		16
31+3		36

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12		35
43		47
3 + 6		10
20 + 8		25
46		30 + 16
88		70 + 17
22 + 3		20 + 1

18		20
88		91
70 + 12		83
21 + 11		32
58		47 + 10
10 + 2		7 + 5
16 + 3		12 + 6