

Comparing Fractions Showdown

Materials: Dry Erase Boards & Markers, Fraction Spinner, One set of Fraction Bars or other fraction manipulatives (halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eighths)



Directions:

1. Each person needs a dry erase board, a marker, and one type of fraction pieces. Someone might have to be in charge of more than one type of fraction such as halves and thirds.
2. The person with the shortest first name is the first Leader. The Leader spins the Fraction Spinner twice and everyone writes down the two fractions.
3. Without looking at the fraction pieces, everyone tries to compare the two fractions. Write $<$, $>$, or $=$ between the fractions. No discussion at this point!
4. When everyone has an answer, they place their boards face down in front of them.
5. The Leader says Showdown! Everyone turns their boards over to show their answers. Then they check the solution by finding the appropriate fraction pieces and placing them in the center of the team. Compare to see which fraction is larger.
6. The role of Leader rotates to the left for each round. Repeat steps 2 through 5 until time runs out.