Skills Review Handbook

Comparing and Ordering Decimals

A **number line** is a line whose points are associated with numbers. You can use a number line to compare and order decimals. From left to right, the numbers on a number line appear in order from least to greatest.

EXAMPLE

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a. 9.67 ? 9.59



9.67 is to the right of 9.59, so 9.67 is greater than 9.59.

▶ 9.67 > 9.59

b. 0.08 ? 0.12



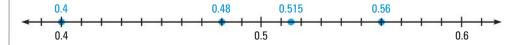
0.08 is to the left of 0.12, so 0.08 is less than 0.012.

▶ 0.08 < 0.012

EXAMPLE

Order the numbers 0.4, 0.56, 0.48, and 0.515 from least to greatest.

Graph all the numbers on a number line.



Write the numbers as they appear on the number line from left to right.

▶ The numbers in order from least to greatest are 0.4, 0.48, 0.515, and 0.56.

PRACTICE

Copy and complete the statement using <, >, or =.

Order the numbers from least to greatest.

11. 7.01, 7.13, 7.3, 7.03