

# Math Main Idea Sorting Mat

**Directions:** Cut off the bottom half of this paper along the dotted line. Then cut out cards. Read the number story on each card and then place them in the correct space below. Hint: Think carefully about the relationship occurring in the number story. Read each math main idea relationship description below. Ask yourself, which math main idea relationship does the number story card align with and then place the card there.

| <p><b>Math Main Idea</b><br/>Place card below if the number story describes composing parts or groups to form a total<br/><b>OR</b><br/>the number story describes decomposing a total into parts or groups.</p> | <p><b>Math Main Idea</b><br/>Place card below if the number story describes comparing two distinct sets.</p> | <p><b>Math Main Idea</b><br/>Place card below if the number story describes composing equal parts or groups to form a total<br/><b>OR</b><br/>the number story describes decomposing a total into equal parts or groups.</p> |
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| <h2>Card</h2>  | <h2>Card</h2>  | <h2>Card</h2>  |

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