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Date _____

1. Are the following greater than or less than 1? Circle the correct answer.

- a) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{9}$ greater than 1 less than 1
- b) $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{5}$ greater than 1 less than 1
- c) $1\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3}$ greater than 1 less than 1
- d) $4\frac{3}{5} - 3\frac{3}{4}$ greater than 1 less than 1

2. Are the following greater than or less than $\frac{1}{2}$? Circle the correct answer.

- e) $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4}$ greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ less than $\frac{1}{2}$
- f) $\frac{6}{7} - \frac{1}{6}$ greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ less than $\frac{1}{2}$
- g) $1\frac{1}{7} - \frac{5}{6}$ greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ less than $\frac{1}{2}$
- h) $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{1}{8}$ greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ less than $\frac{1}{2}$

3. Use $>$, $<$, or $=$ to make the following statements true.

- i) $5\frac{4}{5} + 2\frac{2}{3} < 8\frac{3}{4}$
- j) $3\frac{4}{7} - 2\frac{3}{5} < 1\frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{5}$
- k) $4\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{4}{9} > 5 + \frac{13}{18}$
- l) $10\frac{3}{8} - 7\frac{3}{5} < 3\frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{5}$

NOT EQUAL

4. Is it true that $5\frac{2}{3} - 3\frac{3}{4} = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4}$? Prove your answer.

$$5\frac{2}{3} - 3\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4} &= 1 + 1 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \\ &= 1 + \frac{4}{4} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \\ &= 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \neq 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4}$$

5. A tree limb hangs $5\frac{1}{4}$ feet from a telephone wire. The city trims back the branch before it grows within $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet of the wire. Will the city allow the tree to grow $2\frac{3}{4}$ more feet?

$$\begin{aligned} 5\frac{1}{4} - 2\frac{3}{4} &= 4 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 2 - \frac{3}{4} \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 2\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Once the tree grows $2\frac{3}{4}$ feet it will be exactly $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the wire, so the city would trim it.

6. Mr. Kreider wants to paint two doors and several shutters. It takes $2\frac{1}{8}$ gallons of paint to coat each door and $1\frac{3}{5}$ gallons of paint to coat his shutters. If Mr. Kreider buys three 2-gallon cans of paint, does he have enough to complete the job?

$$2\frac{1}{8} + 2\frac{1}{8} + 1\frac{3}{5} = 4\frac{2}{8} + 1\frac{3}{5} = 5\frac{2}{8} + \frac{3}{5} = 5\frac{10}{40} + \frac{24}{40} = 5\frac{34}{40}$$

$$5\frac{34}{40} < 6$$

Mr. Kreider has enough paint to complete the job.