## Illustrative Mathematics

## 5.NF Comparing a Number and a Product

## Alignments to Content Standards

- Alignment: 5.NF.B. 5


## Tags

- This task is not yet tagged.

Decide which number is greater without multiplying.
a. 817 or $235 \times 817$
b. 99 or $\frac{1}{4} \times 99$
c. $\frac{51}{100}$ or $\frac{51}{100} \times 301$
d. $\frac{13}{90}$ or $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{13}{90}$
e. $\frac{101}{102}$ or $\frac{101}{102} \times \frac{101}{102}$
f. $\frac{99}{5}$ or $\frac{99}{5} \times \frac{1}{2}$
g. $\frac{8}{21} \times 40$ or $\frac{28}{21} \times 40$
h. $\frac{8}{3} \times \frac{5}{7}$ or $\frac{8}{3} \times \frac{9}{4}$

## Commentary

The purpose of this task is for students to compare a number and its product with other numbers that are greater than and less than one. As written, this task could be used in a summative assessment context, but it might be more useful in an instructional setting where students are asked to explain their answers either to a partner or in a whole class discussion.

## Solutions

Solution: Answers
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b. 99
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g. $\frac{28}{21} \times 40$
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