

Answers

1 • Neighbors

A 2,998 ← **2,999** → 3,000
 49,999 ← **50,000** → 50,001
 8,099 ← **8,100** → 8,101
 99,998 ← **99,999** → 100,000
 39,999 ← **40,000** → 40,001

Typical mistake: number before 50,000 = 49,000.
 Correct: 49,999.

2 • Who Is Ahead?

A 9,999 < 10,000 | 45,678 < 45,687 |
 30,303 > 30,033 | 7,010 > 7,001 |
 123,456 > 99,999 | 80,080 < 80,800 |
 6,543 > 6,534 | 100,001 < 100,010 |
 59,999 < 60,000
 B 20,864 < 24,068 < **24,608** < 24,680 <
 26,480 < 28,046
 C 9,990 > 9,909 > 9,900 > 9,099 > 9,009
 D greatest **75,310** | smallest **10,357**
 E **1,999** | **2,000** | **2,001** | **2,002**

Typical mistake: putting the 0 in front. A five-digit number cannot start with 0, so the smallest is 10,357.

3 • Race Track

A step **10** | A = **30** | B = **110** | C = **170**
 B step **50** | A = **150** | B = **600** | C = **850**
 C step **100** | A = **2,300** | B = **2,700** |
 C = **2,900**
 D step **5,000** | A = **15,000** | B = **40,000** |
 C = **85,000**

Typical mistake: counting each small mark as 1. Always find the step first.

4 • Track Pro

A arrows at **350** and **800** |
 arrows at **4,300** and **4,900** |
 arrows at **23,000** and **28,000**
 B 400 and 600: **500** |
 2,500 and 3,000: **2,750** |
 19,000 and 21,000: **20,000** |
 0 and 50,000: **25,000**
 C 600 → **800** → **1,000** → **1,200** → 1,400
 45,000 → **50,000** → **55,000** → **60,000** →
 65,000

5 • Test Check

A after 69,999 = **70,000** |
 before 30,000 = **29,999** |
 after 4,099 = **4,100** |
 before 100,000 = **99,999**
 56,789 < 56,798 | 10,101 > 10,011 |
 99,999 < 100,000 | 4,321 > 4,312
 B A = **300** | B = **1,100** | C = **1,800**
 C 1: **9,999** | 2: **100,000** | 3: **750**

For grown-ups: what helps most

- Practice the numbers before and after round numbers (40,000, 100,000). That is where most mistakes happen.
- On a number line, have the child ask out loud: "How much is one small step?"
- Memory aid for < and >: the point faces the smaller number.