John and Isaac are collecting baseball cards. They each have a collection. Use pictures and number sentences (equations) to describe the total number of cards in each boy's collection.

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- John says he has more baseball cards in his collection than Isaac has in his collection. Do you agree with John? Explain why or why not. Use the symbol >, <, or = in your explanation.


## Teacher Notes:

Students may choose to solve this problem using direct modeling, counting on, or with reasoning strategies. Whole class discussions should highlight how numbers can be decomposed and recombined to make groups of tens. 10 is a benchmark number that can make computation easier. This discussion will also connect using the benchmark number of 10 to aid addition to comparing two numbers based on meanings of tens and ones. When comparing the totals of 15 and 16 , students should be able to identify that each 15 is 1 ten and 5 ones and 16 is one ten and six ones. Students should have access to manipulatives, such as cubes, counters, etc., to use as needed.

Common Core State Standards for Mathematical Content
1.OA.A. 2 Solve word problems that call for addition of three whole numbers whose sum is less than or equal to 20, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.
1.NBT.B. 3 Compare two two-digit numbers based on meanings of the tens and ones digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols >, $=$, and <.

Common Core State Standards for Mathematical Practice

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

## Essential Understandings

- The addition of whole numbers is based on sequential counting.
- Addition equations can be used to describe situations that involve combining quantities.



## John's Collection



Isaac's Collection


Student determines that Isaac has more than John because 16 is larger than 15 . Student may also determine this by noting that 16 is one unit past 15 on a number line. Student may also note that 15 is one ten and 5 ones and 16 is one ten and 6 ones, noting that 16 has one more one than 15 . Student states that he does not agree that John has more because $15<16$.

## Reasoning Strategies

Student recognizes that cards are being joined together to make one card collection and recognizes this as an addition situation. Student uses the following equation to represent the number of cards in John's collection:
$8+4+3=\square$
Student could decompose the numbers in various ways to make the computation easier. Below are some examples:

John's Collection

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Looking for Groups of Ten } \\
& 8+4+3 \\
& 8+2+2+3 \\
& 10+2+3 \\
& 10+5=15
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Making Doubles }+1 \\
& 8+4+3 \\
& 8+7 \\
& 1+7+7 \\
& 1+14=15
\end{aligned}
$$

possible that Isaac ends with more cards?

- How many more cards would each boy need to collect 20 cards each?


## Assessing Questions

- What is the problem asking you to find?
- Why did you choose to write an addition number sentence?
- Describe how breaking the numbers apart helped you find the total?
Advancing Questions
- John started with 8 cards and Isaac started with 7 cards. How is it possible that Isaac ends with more cards?
- How many more cards would each boy need to collect 20 cards each?
- What are other ways that the number can be broken apart to help you find the total?


## Isaac's Collection

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Looking for Groups of Ten } \\
& 7+5+4 \\
& 7+3+2+4 \\
& 10+2+6 \\
& 10+6=16
\end{aligned}
$$

Looking for Groups of Ten
$7+5+4$
$2+5+5+4$
$10+2+4$
$10+6=16$

Student may note that 15 is one ten and 5 ones and 16 is one ten and 6 ones, noting that 16 is one more one than 15 . Student states that he does not agree that John has more because $15<16$.

## Possible Student Misconceptions

Student incorrectly counts the number of cards.

Student incorrectly decomposes or incorrectly recombines numbers.
Entry/Extensions
If students can't get started....

If students finish early....

Does your answer seem reasonable?
John started with more cards than Isaac. Who received the most additional cards?
Count the cards again for me, please? Let's see if we get the same count.
Does your answer seem reasonable?

## Assessing and Advancing Questions

Write key questions that can assess and advance student thinking in this case
How many more cards will each boy need to have 25 cards in his collection?
If each boy gave 6 cards to a friend, how many cards would each boy have?

## Discuss/Analyze

## Whole Group Questions

How did you find the number of cards in each boy's collection?
Why did you choose to write an addition number sentence (equation)?
How is it possible that students choose different ways to find the answer but they all found the same answer?
How can we determine which boy has the most cards in his collection?

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