

ORDERING LEAST TO GREATEST

- The numbers are **6,303**, **6,030**, **6,300** and **6,330**. All have 6 thousands, so look at the hundreds.
- 6,030** has 0 hundreds, so it is smallest. The other three have 3 hundreds, so look at the tens.
- 6,330** has 3 tens, so it is biggest. **6,300** and **6,303** tie on the tens, so the units decide: **6,300** comes first.
- In order: **6,030**, **6,300**, **6,303**, **6,330**.

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6	0	3	0
6	3	0	0
6	3	0	3
6	3	3	0

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WARM-UP

Write each number one digit per cell on the place-value mat, then compare down the columns from the left.

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- In the first three rows, write 5,620, 5,260 and 870. Then write 1st, 2nd and 3rd beside them, from smallest to biggest.
- In the last three rows, write 7,081, 7,810 and 7,108. Then write 1st, 2nd and 3rd beside them, from smallest to biggest.
- Circle the column that told you 7,081 comes before 7,108.

PRACTICE

- Three GAA matches drew crowds of **840**, **1,080** and **960**. List the crowds from smallest to biggest. _____
- A camogie club recorded gate numbers of **2,350**, **2,035** and **2,530** over three games. Line them up from smallest to biggest. _____
- Five hurling crowds were **1,310**, **925**, **1,031**, **1,130** and **1,013**. Put them in order from biggest crowd to smallest. _____
- Three county finals had attendances of **8,700**, **8,070** and **8,007**. Arrange them from smallest to biggest. _____
- Four football grounds held crowds of **3,260**, **3,026**, **3,620** and **3,062**. Line them up from smallest to biggest. _____

? ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, NEVER

Always true, sometimes true, or never true? Write A, S or N.

- To compare two numbers you start with the units column. ☐
- If the thousands digits match, the hundreds digit decides which is bigger. ☐
- 4,050 is bigger than 4,500. ☐
- When ordering numbers, a 3-digit number comes before any 4-digit number. ☐

IRISH FACT Primary schools across Ireland

The Republic of Ireland has about **3,240** mainstream primary schools — a four-digit total that sits between three and four thousand.

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