Inequality: Number relationships story

Kahu and Asher are chatting as they walk to school.

"I had three weetbix for breakfast," Asher says.

"I had less than you. Two was enough for me. I wasn't so hungry. Tell you what I did when I got dressed though. I put on two pairs of socks. My boots are a bit big and they slip off sometimes."

"You've got more socks on than me," says Asher. "I've got one pair and they've got holes in the toes. Have yours?"

"Nah. Mine are good. Hey, look, that's funny," says Kahu, pointing. "There are four white cars, parked one behind the other."

"Yeah, so there are. And look! There are three red ones right behind them. Actually, my Poppa told me there are more white cars around than other colours. Speaking of Poppa, we had a big birthday tea for him last night. He's fifty!"

"My Grandad's older than that. Nan says that Grandad is sixty. Do you know something? My Granddad and Nan really like cats. They like them so much they've got six of them! At their house, you have to get the cats off the chairs if you want to sit down."

'That's lots of cats and more than my Poppa. He hasn't got any cats. He's got a dog though. He's called Dog. Funny name, eh? Just as well he's not called Cat!"

"Yeah! Sure is. Actually, my Nan and Grandad have got a dog too. His name's Buster, but I'm not sure why. Hey, Asher, guess what. I scored two goals at soccer practice last night. My best yet."

"Good for you, Kahu! That's more than me. My best is one goal and that was about three weeks ago. You must be getting good, eh! Oh, oh! I hear the bell. We'd better run."

Expressions and equations

Weetbix: 3 > 2, 2 < 3

Socks: 2 > 1, 1 < 2

Cars: 4 > 3, 3 < 4

Age: 60 > 50, 50 < 60

Cats: 6 > 0, 0 < 6

Dog: 1 = 1

Goals: 2 > 1,1 < 1

