

## Fifty, More or Less

**E**ach item below describes a number. In the box on the right, indicate whether you think each number is higher than 50 (>50), exactly 50, or lower than 50 (<50). The first item has been done for you: “The number of items in this puzzle” is 20; therefore, you should write “<50” in the box on the right.

	>50, 50, or <50?
1. The number of items in this puzzle	<50
2. The number of states in the United States	
3. The number 7 squared	
4. In each year, the number of weeks when you do not have a birthday	
5. The number of people who have walked on the moon	
6. The number of countries whose names begin with “U”	
7. The number of odd numbers between 0 and 100	
8. The number of colleges and universities in the United States	
9. The number of bones in the human body	
10. The number of uncountable (noncount) nouns in English	
11. The number of countries whose names end with “a”	
12. The sum of $3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2$	
13. The number of times in a century that a leap year occurs	
14. The number of presidents the United States has had	
15. The number of prepositions in English	
16. The number of lines in ten limericks	
17. The number of spoken languages in the world today	
18. The number of cents in a U.S. dollar	
19. The number of words in English that rhyme with <i>month</i>	
20. The atomic number of tin	

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Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

**FIFTY, MORE OR LESS**

1. < 50 (There are 20.)
2. 50
3. < 50 (+9)
4. > 50 (51)
5. < 50 (12)
6. < 50 (7)
7. 50
8. > 50 (more than 2,000)
9. < 50 (206)
10. > 50 (There are many!)
11. > 50 (more than 75)
12. 50
13. < 50 (25)
14. < 50 (+5)
15. > 50 (about 150)
16. 50
17. > 50 (more than 6,000)
18. < 50 (100)
19. < 50 (0)
20. 50