## **Inequalities**

- Sometimes we want to *ask questions* about data. For example, is  $\times$  greater than y? Is one string equal to another? These questions can't be answered with a Numbers. Instead, they are answered with a new datatype called a **Boolean**.
- Video games use Booleans for many things: asking when a player's health is equal to zero, whether two characters are close enough to bump into one another, or if a character's coordinates put it off the edge of the screen.
- A Boolean value is either true or false. Unlike Numbers, Strings, and Images, Booleans have only two possible values.
- You already know some functions that produce Booleans, such as < and >! Our programming language has them, too: 3 < 4, 10 > 2, and -10 == 19.
- We also have ways of writing Compound Inequalities, so we can ask more complicated questions using the and or functions.
  - $\circ$  (3 > 4) and (10 < 2) translates to "three is less than four *and* ten is less than two". This will evaluate to false, since the and function requires that both sub-expressions be true.
  - $\circ$  (3 > 4) or (10 < 2) , which translates to "three is less than four or ten is less than two". This will evaluate to true, since the or function only requires that one sub-expression be true.
- The Circles of Evaluation work the same way with Booleans that they do with Numbers, Strings and Images:

