

## REPEATED AND DOUBLE COMPARATIVES

Getting Better and Better



### A) Repeated comparatives

They describe things that are increasing or decreasing or a process that is increasing or decreasing.

- Fewer and fewer children are leaving school.
- Nowadays , couples are waiting longer and longer to marry.
- Finding a job is becoming more and more difficult.

#### 1-Rewrite the sentences to form repeated comparatives.

1-more/popular. / more / Surfing/ is / and

**SURFING IS MORE AND MORE POPULAR**

2-dangerous/is/sun./ it/ lie/ realize/ people/ more/ More/ to / in/ how/ and/ the

**MORE AND MORE PEOPLE REALIZE HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO LIE IN THE SUN**

3- is/ It/ place./ and/ to/ more/ difficult/ find/ parking/ more /a

**IT IS MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND A PARKING PLACE.**

4-personal/are/computers/ expensive./ Nowadays,/ less /and /less

**NOWADAYS, PERSONAL COMPUTERS ARE LESS AND LESS EXPENSIVE.**

### B) Double comparatives

They describe a cause and effect process, a proportionate increase or decrease . We use the double comparative to say when something increases or decreases it causes something else to change.

#### **-The more... the more**

The more you study , the more you learn.

The more money he makes, the more expensive things he buys.

#### **-The more... the less**

The more I read, the less I remember.

The more I worry, the less I sleep.

#### **-The less... the more**

The less he sees people , the more isolated he becomes.

The less you exercise, the more weight you put on.

**We can make comparisons using adjectives, adverbs and nouns.**

**-The older** we grow , **the wiser** we become.

**-The younger** you learn a language, **the easier** it is.

- The more carefully** you plan your trip, the better the result will be.
- The faster** something is done, **the more easily** mistakes are made.
- The more money** a person has, **the more privilege** they enjoy.
- The more sales** he makes, **the more commission** he earns.

(A short form of this structure is used in sentences ending in **better**.

-How do you like your coffee? / The stronger , the better.)

### 1-Choose the correct answer to form the double comparative.

1-....., the more serious the problems become.

- a) the more raining it is      b) the less it is rain      **c) the more it rains**

2-The older he gets, ..... friends he has. He's so lonely.

- a) the less      b) the more      **c) the fewer**

3-The more I work, ..... time I spend with my family.

- a) the more      **b) the less**      c) the fewer

4-..... you are, the fewer heart problems you will have.

- a) the most active      **b) the more active**      c) more active

### 2-Rewrite the sentences with double comparative.

1-If we start soon, we will finish soon.

The sooner we start, **THE SOONER WE WILL FINISH**

2-The food I like best is spicy.

The spicier **THE FOOD IS, THE BETTER I LIKE IT.**

3-If I speak good English, I will have more job opportunities.

The better **ENGLISH I SPEAK, THE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES I WILL HAVE.**

4-I like the lessons more if there are few students.

**THE FEWER STUDENTS THERE ARE,** the better I like the lessons.

5-If I work a lot , I have no time.

**THE MORE I WORK, THE LESS TIME I HAVE.**

### 3-Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

-The older I get , **THE LESS ACTIVE I AM.**

-The more I practise English, **THE EASIER IT BECOMES**

-The less I sleep, **THE MORE TIRED I FEEL IN THE MORNING.**

-The more money I save, **THE SOONER I WILL BUY A NEW CAR.**

