

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

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

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

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

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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,

2-The food I like best is spicy.

The spicier

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

The better.....

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

....., the better I like the lessons.

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

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3-Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

-The older I get ,

-The more I practise English,.....

-The less I sleep,.....

-The more money I save,

