

The more..., the more + Comparatives

- This structure is mainly used for expressing cause and effect or for comparison.
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Grammar in context *the..., the...* + comparatives

*The bigger the animal,
the more problems you have.*

*The harder and more resistant the cup is,
the stronger your relationship is.*

Use *the* + comparative adjective or adverb, or *the more / less* (+ noun) to show that one thing depends on another, e.g.

- *The earlier we start, the sooner we'll finish.* = If we start early, we'll finish early.
- *The more money you spend now, the less you'll have for your holiday.* = If you spend a lot of money now, you'll have less for your holiday.

Rewrite the sentences using *the..., the...* + comparative.

- 1 If you study a lot, you learn a lot.

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- 2 If I drink a lot of coffee, I sleep badly.


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- 3 If you have a lot of time, you do things slowly.

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- 4 If you are fit, you feel good.

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 **1.18** Now listen and check. Notice the stress and intonation pattern in the sentences.

- **The more** you listen to podcasts, **the more** you improve at English.
- **The more** I work out, **the more** I improve my muscles and feel stronger.

Example Sentences with the Structure "*The more..., the more + Comparatives*"

THE MORE ..., THE MORE

- **The more** you study, **the more** you learn.
- **The more** I see her, **the more** I like her.
- **The more** help we give them, **the more** they request.
- **The more** I watch my diet, **the more** weight I put on.
- **The more** money he makes, **the more** expensive things he buys.
- **The more** we work, **the more** we earn.

THE MORE ..., THE LESS

- **The more** I read, **the less** I remember.
- **The more** the sales assistant explains, **the less** I understand.
- **The more** food I see, **the less** appetite I have.
- **The more** we spend, **the less** we save.
- **The more** I worry, **the less** I sleep.
- **The more** she flatters me, **the less** I tend to believe her.

THE LESS ... THE MORE

- **The less** we spend, **the more** we save.
- **The less** people listen, **the more** impatient they become.
- **The less** I concentrate, **the more** I forget.
- **The less** we worry, **the more** relaxed we become.
- **The less** he sees people, **the more** isolated he becomes.
- **The less** you exercise, **the more** weight you put on.

ADJECTIVES

- **The older** we grow, **the wiser** we become.
- **The higher** you climb, **the colder** it gets.
- **The younger** you begin to learn a language, **the easier** it is.
- **The angrier** the teacher is, **the worse** I feel.
- **The darker** the berry, **the juicier** it is.
- **The brighter** the sun, **the happier** people feel.

ADVERBS

- **The more carefully** you plan, **the better** the result will be.
- **The more quickly** a car is driven, **the more likely** it is to cause an accident.
- **The harder** you work, **the more rapidly** you will obtain results.
- **The more hurriedly** something is done, **the more easily** mistakes are made.
- **The faster** you walk, **the more quickly** you will arrive.

NOUNS

- **The more money** *a person has*, **the more privilege** *they enjoy*.
- **The more ideas** *you have*, **the more projects** *you will develop*.
- **The more orders** *we receive*, **the more goods** *we manufacture*.
- **The more sales** *he makes*, **the more commission** *he earns*.
- **The more furniture** *I buy*, **the more space** *I need*.

SHORT FORM

- How do you like your coffee? **The stronger** *the better*.
- What price range are you interested in? **The cheaper** *the better*.
- What time would you like me to come? **The earlier** *the better*.
- What sort of presentation should I prepare? **The shorter** *the better*!
- Can I bring a friend? Sure. **The more** *the merrier*!