

The opposite of *more* is *less*, and the opposite of *the most* is *the least*. However, note that we often avoid using *less*. Instead we use *not as ... as ...* or an opposite adjective, especially with one-syllable adjectives.

Example: *a high score* → *a lower score* (not *a less high score*).

- 7 Make six sentences comparing the ways of keeping in touch and meeting from Exercise 4. Use comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives below or other adjectives.

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| bad | convenient | easy | fast | good |
| impersonal | modern | old-fashioned | personal | slow |

Example: *Using a social networking site may be easier than meeting face-to-face, but it is also less personal.*

- 8 We can use words like *much* and *a bit* in comparative sentences to modify the adjective:

much (= a lot): *Texting is **much** quicker than writing a letter.*

a bit (= a little): *Texting is **a bit** quicker than emailing.*

We can also use words like *significantly*, *slightly*, *marginally* and *far*. Which words have a similar meaning to *much*? Which have a similar meaning to *a bit*?

We can also use certain words in superlative sentences to modify the adjective:

by far (= by a great amount): *American films are **by far** the most popular films in my country.*

easily (= without question): *Toni is **easily** the best student in our class.*

Modify the sentences you wrote in Exercise 7.2 using some of the words above.

Example: *Using a social networking site may be **much** easier than meeting face-to-face, but it is also **significantly** less personal.*

- 9 We can use the following structure to say that two things change together:

the + comparative (+ subject + verb), the + comparative (+ subject + verb)

Examples: *The more languages you speak, the easier it is to learn a new one.*

The sooner, the better.

- Which word gives each sentence the correct meaning?
 - The *fewer/more* mistakes you make in the exam, the better score you get.
 - The more you practise speaking the *less/more* fluent you will become.
- Make sentences that describe how you think the things below change together.
 - languages you speak, your earning potential
 - the spread of English and the culture of English-speaking countries, local languages and traditions