

106.1 Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use **much / a bit** etc. + a comparative form. Use **than** where necessary.

- Her illness was much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- This bag is too small. I need something much bigger. (much / big)
- I liked the museum. It was more interesting than I expected. (much / interesting)
- It was very hot yesterday. Today it's a bit cooler. (a bit / cool)
- I'm afraid the problem is far more complicated than it seems. (far / complicated)
- You're driving too fast. Can you drive a bit more slowly? (a bit / slowly)
- It's a lot easier to learn a language in a country where it is spoken. (a lot / easy)
- I thought she was younger than me, but in fact she's slightly older. (slightly / old)

106.2 Complete the sentences using **any/no + comparative**. Use **than** where necessary.

- I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer.
- I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here any earlier.
- This shop isn't expensive. The prices are no cheaper than anywhere else.
- I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk any further.
- The traffic isn't particularly bad today. It's no worse than usual.

106.3 Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (... and ...).

- It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- That hole in your sweater is getting bigger and bigger. (big)
- My bags seemed to get heavier and heavier as I carried them. (heavy)
- As I waited for my interview, I became more and more nervous. (nervous)
- As the day went on, the weather got worse and worse. (bad)
- Health care is becoming more and more expensive. (expensive)
- Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got better and better. (good)
- As the conversation went on, Paul became more and more talkative. (talkative)

106.4 Complete the sentences using the structure in Section D (**the ... the ...**).

- I like warm weather.
The warmer the weather, the better I feel. (feel)
- I didn't really like him when we first met.
But the more I got to know him, the more I liked him. (like)
- If you're in business, you want to make a profit.
The more goods you sell, the more profit you make. (profit)
- It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.
The more tired you are, the harder it is to concentrate. (hard)
- Kate had to wait a very long time.
The longer she had to wait, the more impatient she became. (impatient / become)

106.5 Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

- I like to travel light. The less luggage, the better.
- The problem is getting more and more serious.
- The more time I have, the longer it takes me to do things.
- I'm walking as fast as I can. I can't walk any faster.
- The higher your income, more tax you have to pay.
- I'm surprised Anna is only 25. I thought she was older.
- Jane's elder sister is a nurse.
- I was a little late. The journey took a bit longer than I expected.
- We have a lot to discuss. We need to start the meeting no later than 9.30.
- Don't tell him anything. The less he knows, the better.

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