

DEGREES IN COMPARATIVES & "THE MORE ... THE MORE ..." STRUCTURE

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

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

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

- 1 I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer .
- 2 I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here
- 3 This shop isn't expensive. The prices are anywhere else.
- 4 I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk
- 5 The traffic isn't particularly bad today. It's usual.

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

- 1 Cathy got more and more bored in her job. In the end she left. (bored)
- 2 That hole in your sweater is getting (big)
- 3 My bags seemed to get as I carried them. (heavy)
- 4 As I waited for my interview, I became (nervous)
- 5 As the day went on, the weather got (bad)
- 6 Health care is becoming (expensive)
- 7 Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got (good)
- 8 As the conversation went on, Paul became (talkative)

106.4 These sentences are like those in Section D. Use the words in brackets (in the correct form) to complete the sentences.

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

106.5 Which is correct, **older** or **elder**? Or both of them?

- 1 My older / elder sister is a TV producer. (older and elder are both correct)
- 2 I'm surprised Diane is only 25. I thought she was older / elder.
- 3 Jane's younger sister is still at school. Her older / elder sister is a nurse.
- 4 Martin is older / elder than his brother.

UNIT 106

106.1

- 2 much bigger
- 3 much more complicated than
- 4 a bit cooler
- 5 far more interesting than
- 6 a bit more slowly
- 7 a lot easier
- 8 slightly older

106.2

- 2 any sooner / any earlier
- 3 no higher than / no more expensive than
- 4 any further/farther
- 5 no worse than

106.3

- 2 bigger and bigger
- 3 heavier and heavier
- 4 more and more nervous
- 5 worse and worse
- 6 more and more expensive
- 7 better and better
- 8 more and more talkative

106.4

- 2 the more I liked him *or* the more I got to like him
- 3 the more profit you (will) make *or* the higher your profit (will be) *or* the more your profit (will be)
- 4 the harder it is to concentrate
- 5 the more impatient she became

106.5

- 2 older
- 3 older *or* elder
- 4 older