

# 1B MINI GRAMMAR *the...the... + comparatives*

**a** Match 1–8 with a–h to make complete sentences.

- 1  *h* The more dangerous the sport,...
- 2  The longer I waited,...
- 3  The more hours you do in this job,...
- 4  The younger you are,...
- 5  The older you are,...
- 6  The later we leave,...
- 7  The longer I stay in bed,...
- 8  The faster I you drive,...

- a the angrier I got.
- b the easier it is to learn something.
- c the more likely you are to have an accident.
- d the harder it is to make new friends.
- e the worse I feel.
- f the more traffic there will be.
- g the more you earn.
- h ~~the more I enjoy it.~~



**b** Rewrite the sentences using *The...the... + a comparative*.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 If we start soon we'll finish soon.</li> <li>2 If a car is big it uses a lot of petrol.</li> <li>3 When you get old you become wise.</li> <li>4 If people have a lot of things, they want more.</li> <li>5 If the weather is hot you need to drink more.</li> <li>6 When you know her more you like her less.</li> <li>7 If you cook it slowly, it'll taste good.</li> <li>8 If we do a lot of work now, we'll have less to do tomorrow.</li> </ol> | <p><i>The sooner we start, the sooner we'll finish.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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**c** Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Then compare your ideas with a partner.

- 1 The more you practise your English, *the better you will get.*
- 2 The sooner I finish these exercises, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 The more exercise you do, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The colder the weather is, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The more free time I have, \_\_\_\_\_.

## SOLUTIONS OF MINI GRAMMAR 1B

### THE... THE... + COMPARATIVES

A)

2a    3g    4b    5d    6f    7e    8c

B)

2 The bigger a car is, the more petrol it uses.

3 The older you get, the wiser you become.

4 The more things people have, the more they want.

5 The hotter the weather is, the more you need to drink.

6 The more you know her, the less you like her.

7 The more slowly you cook it, the better it'll taste.

8 The more work we do now, the less we'll have to do tomorrow.