

The + more / less + clause

The more I listen to classical music, the more I appreciate it.

The + comparative form of adjective + clause

The more romantic a song is, the less my brother wants to listen to it.

The + comparative form of adverb + clause

The louder Mario plays his stereo, the more his neighbors complain.

The + more / less / fewer + noun / gerund + clause

The more dancing you do, the more natural you'll feel on the dance floor.

- 1** Fill in the blanks to create appropriate double comparatives. For comparatives with adjectives or adverbs, more than one answer is possible.

- Ricky seems to play his music loud in his car in order to get attention.
The louder the music is, the more people turn their heads.
- This song is so catchy! _____ I listen to it, _____ I like it.
- The price of concert tickets has really gone up. And, _____
the performer is, _____ the ticket is.
- I love soothing background music. _____ the music is,
_____ stress I feel.
- They play music at the baseball game to get the fans excited. _____
the music plays, _____ the fans yell.
- Practice makes perfect. _____ you practice, _____ you will become.
- Even age won't slow that performer down. _____ she gets,
_____ performances she gives.

Short double comparatives without verbs are common in conversation.

Many of them end in *the better*.

The more, the merrier!

The bigger, the better!

The sooner, the better!

- 2** Complete each conversation with one of the short double comparatives without verbs from the grammar box.

- A: When should we officially end this meeting?
B: _____!
- A: How many people do you think we should invite to the party?
B: _____!
- A: What would you like your new house to be like?
B: _____!