

THE MORE YOU STUDY, THE MORE YOU LEARN

3 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT *the... the... + comparatives*

Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in the list.

big cold difficult early far good high
interesting late likely long qualified

- 1 The earlier we set off, the better chance we'll have of avoiding the rush-hour traffic.
- 2 The more the class, the more the students are to learn something.
- 3 The earlier you go to bed, the earlier it is to get up in the morning.
- 4 The farther north you travel in Canada, the higher it gets.
- 5 The more the person is for the job, the higher the salary.
- 6 The more your house, the longer it takes you to clean it.

AIR TRAVEL

b Circle the correct word.

- 1 They had booked an economy flight, so they couldn't use the airport terminal / VIP lounge.
- 2 It didn't take long for me to check in my suitcase at the baggage drop-off / security.
- 3 The passengers were stopped at customs / the check-in desk for their bags to be checked.
- 4 I showed my boarding pass and ID at the baggage reclaim / gate and went to board my flight.
- 5 I didn't have a boarding pass, so I had to queue at the check-in desk / customs to get one.
- 6 We could see our plane on the runway / gate while we were waiting to board.
- 7 We parked as near as possible to the airport terminal / VIP lounge because we were late.
- 8 The quickest way to find your flight on the departures board is to look at the flight times / runway.
- 9 I was wearing boots, so I had to take them off at security / baggage drop-off.
- 10 When I went to baggage reclaim / flight times, I found that my suitcase hadn't arrived.

a Match the definitions to the compound adjectives in the list.

absent-minded bad-tempered big-headed
easy-going good-tempered laid-back narrow-minded
open-minded self-centred strong-willed tight-fisted
two-faced well-balanced well-behaved



- 1 easily made angry or annoyed
bad-tempered
- 2 ready to consider new ideas and opinions
open-minded
- 3 not willing to spend money
tight-fisted
- 4 often forgetting or not noticing things
absent-minded
- 5 determined to do what you want to do, even if other people advise you not to
self-centred
- 6 relaxed; not easily worried by things
well-balanced
- 7 sensible and emotionally in control
well-behaved
- 8 having a very high opinion of how important and clever you are
big-headed
- 9 not willing to listen to ideas different from your own
closed-minded
- 10 dishonest about your feelings; telling people what you think will please them
two-faced
- 11 cheerful and not easily made angry
easy-going
- 12 thinking only about yourself and not about other people
selfish
- 13 calm; not easily upset by what other people do
laid-back
- 14 behaving in a way that people think is polite and correct
well-mannered