GRAMMAR 1

Cause and effect with double comparatives

The more	she goes up on the seesaw,	the more	he goes down.
The more	you study,	the more	you learn.
The more	you push the swing,	the higher	it goes.
The more	he practices English,	the better	he speaks.

In each sentence, the first action causes the second action.
The more *she goes up on the seesaw,* ***the more*** *he goes down.*
   first action   second action

1 **Read.** Match the sentence parts.

1. You should work hard in school because ____
2. It is important to brush your teeth because ____
3. We give plants water and sunlight because ____
4. We should try again if we fail because ____
5. We must not pollute the ocean because ____

a. the harder we try, the more we succeed.
b. the harder you study, the more you learn.
c. the dirtier it gets, the faster sea animals disappear.
d. the more they get, the healthier they will be.
e. the better you look after them, the less you have to see the dentist.

2 **Complete the sentences.**

1. <u>The more he pushes it</u>   (he / push / it),
   <u>the faster it turns</u>   (fast / it / turn).

2. _____ (fast / it / go),
   _____ (the children / laugh).

3. _____ (funny / it / is),
   _____ (hard / he / push it).

4. _____ (quick / it / spin),
   _____ (dizzy / they / feel).