

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.

1. 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.
2. This song is so catchy! _____ I listen to it, _____ I like it.
3. The price of concert tickets has really gone up. And, _____
 the performer is, _____ the ticket is.
4. I love soothing background music. _____ the music is,
 _____ stress I feel.
5. They play music at the baseball game to get the fans excited. _____
 the music plays, _____ the fans yell.
6. Practice makes perfect. _____ you practice, _____ you will become.
7. 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.

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