

106.1 Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use **much** / **a bit** etc. + a comparative form. Use **than** where necessary.

- The problem is much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- This bag is too small. I need something much bigger. (much / big)
- I liked the museum. It was a lot more interesting than I expected. (a lot / interesting)
- It was very hot yesterday. Today it's a little cooler. (a little / cool)
- I'm afraid the problem is far more complicated than it seems. (far / complicated)
- You're driving too fast. Can you drive a bit more slowly? (a bit / slowly)
- I thought he was younger than me, but in fact he's slightly older. (slightly / old)

106.2 Complete the sentences using **any/no** + comparative. Use **than** where necessary.

- I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer.
- I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here any earlier.
- This shop isn't expensive. The prices are no cheaper than anywhere else.
- I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk any further.
- The traffic isn't especially bad today. It's no worse than usual.

106.3 Complete the sentences using **... and ...** (see Section C).

- It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- That hole in your sweater is getting bigger and bigger. (big)
- I waited for my interview and became more and more nervous. (nervous)
- As the day went on, the weather got worse and worse. (bad)
- Health care is becoming more and more expensive. (expensive)
- Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got better and better. (good)
- These days I travel a lot. I'm spending more and more time away from home. (time)

106.4 Complete the sentences using **the ... the ...**.

- You learn things more easily when you're young.
The younger you are, the easier it is to learn.
- It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.
The more tired you are, the harder it is to concentrate.
- We should decide what to do as soon as possible.
The sooner we decide, the better.
- I know more, but I understand less.
The more I know, the less I understand.
- If you use more electricity, your bill will be higher.
The more electricity you use, the higher the bill will be.
- Kate had to wait a long time and became more and more impatient.
The longer she waited, the more impatient she became.

106.5 Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

- I like to travel light. The less luggage, the better.
- The problem is getting more and more serious.
- The more time I have, the longer it takes me to do things.
- I'm walking as fast as I can. I can't walk any faster.
- The higher your income, more tax you have to pay.
- I'm surprised Anna is only 25. I thought she was older.
- Jane's elder sister is a nurse.
- I was a little late. The journey took longer than I expected.
- Applications for the job must be received no later than 15 April.
- Don't tell him anything. The less he knows, the better.

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