

Repeated comparatives describe things that are increasing or decreasing.

The birth-rate is getting lower and lower.

Fewer and fewer children are leaving school.

It's becoming more and more difficult.

By the end of the century, couples were waiting longer and longer to marry.

FILL THE BLANKS AS IN THE EXAMPLES ABOVE:

- 1) He gets _____ (boring). I can't listen to him any longer.
- 2) I didn't like this book at first, but it's getting _____ (interesting).
- 3) My daughter's English results are getting _____ (bad).
- 4) The boss will be angry with you. You arrive _____ (late) at work.
- 5) In spring the weather gets _____ (warm).
- 6) It's time you tidied your room. It's getting _____ (messy).
- 7) Food is getting _____ (expensive).
- 8) I think TV programs are getting _____ (violent).
- 9) I find it _____ (difficult) to see him.
- 10) She's getting over her operation. She feels _____ (good).

Double comparatives describe a cause-and-effect process.

The more education women get, the later they marry.

The better the quality of health care (is), the higher the life expectancy (is).

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS (THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER) :

- 1) The _____ you study for these exams, the _____ you will do. (good/hard)
- 2) She doesn't really like vodka, so the _____ a bottle you find, the _____ it will be for us. (small/cheap)
- 3) My neighbour is driving me mad! It seems that the _____ it is at night, the _____ he plays his music! (loud/late)
- 4) He spent a year in India and loves spicy food. The _____ the food is, the _____ he likes it. (more/hot)
- 5) Of course you can come to the party. The _____ the _____. (happy/more)
- 6) She will be really angry about that vase being broken! The _____ she knows about it, the _____. (less/good)
- 7) He has 6 large dogs to protect his house. The _____ the dog, the _____ he feels. (safe/big)
- 8) Earning money has always been the thing that pleases him most. The _____ he becomes, the _____ he is. (rich/happy)
- 9) You must drive slower in built up areas. The _____ you drive in the city, the _____ it is that you will have an accident. (propable/fast)