

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

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

AIR TRAVEL

b Circle the correct word.

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



- easily made angry or annoyed
bad-tempered
- ready to consider new ideas and opinions

- not willing to spend money

- often forgetting or not noticing things

- determined to do what you want to do, even if other people advise you not to

- relaxed; not easily worried by things

- sensible and emotionally in control

- having a very high opinion of how important and clever you are

- not willing to listen to ideas different from your own

- dishonest about your feelings; telling people what you think will please them

- cheerful and not easily made angry

- thinking only about yourself and not about other people

- calm; not easily upset by what other people do

- behaving in a way that people think is polite and correct
