***DOUBLE COMPARATIVES with 'the' ... 'the'***

**Comparatives using ''the' ... 'the' to express cause and effect or for comparison.**

Double comparatives are phrases commonly used in English to express proportionate increase or decrease, to say that when something increases or decreases, it causes something else to change.

**THE MORE .... THE MORE**

* The **more** you study, the **more** you learn.
* The **more** I see her, the **more** I like her.
* The **more** help we give them, the **more**they request.
* The **more** I watch my diet, the **more** weight I put on.
* The **more** money he makes, the **more** expensive things he buys.
* The **more** we work, the **more** we earn.

**THE MORE ... THE LESS**

* The **more** I read, the **less** I remember.
* The **more** the sales assistant explains, the **less** I understand.
* The **more** food I see, the **less** appetite I have.
* The **more** we spend, the **less** we save.
* The **more** I worry, the **less**I sleep.
* The **more** she flatters me, the **less** I tend to believe her.

**THE LESS ... THE MORE**

* The **less** we spend, the **more** we save.
* The **less** people listen, the **more** impatient they become.
* The **less** I concentrate, the **more** I forget.
* The **less** we worry, the **more** relaxed we become.
* The **less** he sees people, the **more** isolated he becomes.
* The **less** you exercise, the **more** weight you put on.

**We can make comparisons using adjectives, adverbs and nouns.**  
  
**ADJECTIVES:**

* The **older** we grow, the **wiser** we become.
* The **higher** you climb, the **colder** it gets.
* The **younger** you begin to learn a language, the **easier** it is.
* The **angrier** the teacher is, the **worse** I feel.
* The **darker** the berry, the **juicier** it is.
* The **brighter** the sun, the **happier** people feel.
* The **colder** the weather is, the **hungrier** I am.
* The **more educated** women are, the **later**they marry.
* The **earlier** you leave, the **better** it is.
* The **stronger** the wind blows, the **colder**we feel.
* The **heavier** it rains, the **darker**the sky is.
* The **older** he gets, the **kinder** he becomes.

**ADVERBS:**

* The **more carefully** you plan, the **better** the result will be.
* The **more quickly** a car is driven, the **more likely** it is to cause an accident.
* The **harder** you work, the **more rapidly** you will obtain results.
* The **more hurriedly** something is done, the **more easily** mistakes are made.
* The **faster** you walk, the **more quickly** you will arrive.

**NOUNS:**

* The **more money** a person has, the **more privilege** they enjoy.
* The **more ideas** you have, the **more projects** you will develop.
* The **more orders** we receive, the **more goods** we manufacture.
* The **more sales** he makes, the **more commission** he earns.
* The **more furniture** I buy, the **more space** I need.

**SHORT FORM**

A short form of this structure is used in sentences ending in 'better', and the expression 'the more the merrier'.

* How do you like your coffee? **The stronger, the better.**
* What price range are you interested in? **The cheaper, the better.**
* What time would you like me to come? **The earlier, the better.**
* What sort of presentation should I prepare? **The shorter, the better!**
* Can I bring a friend? Sure. **The more, the merrier**!