

1B MINI GRAMMAR *the...the... + comparatives*

a Match 1–8 with a–h to make complete sentences.

- 1 *h* The more dangerous the sport,...
- 2 The longer I waited,...
- 3 The more hours you do in this job,...
- 4 The younger you are,...
- 5 The older you are,...
- 6 The later we leave,...
- 7 The longer I stay in bed,...
- 8 The faster you drive,...
- a the angrier I got.
- b the easier it is to learn something.
- c the more likely you are to have an accident.
- d the harder it is to make new friends.
- e the worse I feel.
- f the more traffic there will be.
- g the more you earn.
- h ~~the more I enjoy it.~~



b Rewrite the sentences using *The...the... + a comparative*.

- 1 If we start soon we'll finish soon. *The sooner we start, the sooner we'll finish.*
- 2 If a car is big it uses a lot of petrol. _____
- 3 When you get old you become wise. _____
- 4 If people have a lot of things, they want more. _____
- 5 If the weather is hot you need to drink more. _____
- 6 When you know her more you like her less. _____
- 7 If you cook it slowly, it'll taste good. _____
- 8 If we do a lot of work now, we'll have less to do tomorrow. _____

activation

c Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Then compare your ideas with a partner.

- 1 The more you practise your English, *the better you will get.*
- 2 The sooner I finish these exercises, _____
- 3 The more exercise you do, _____
- 4 The colder the weather is, _____
- 5 The more free time I have, _____