

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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, \_\_\_\_\_