

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

3A MINI GRAMMAR *so / such...that*

a Complete the sentences with *so*, *such*, *so much / many*, or *such a*.

- 1 My briefcase is so heavy (that) I can barely pick it up.
- 2 It was _____ small airport (that) there were only two flights per day.
- 3 There were _____ people at the airport (that) we couldn't see my cousin.
- 4 It was _____ awful weather (that) we couldn't leave the hotel.
- 5 I bought _____ souvenirs in Mexico (that) I had to buy another bag.
- 6 The staff at the first hotel were _____ unfriendly (that) we decided not to stay there.
- 7 The receptionist was _____ rude man (that) most people complained to the owner.
- 8 They were _____ cheap tickets (that) we decided to buy them.
- 9 I ate _____ food at the barbecue (that) I had to lie down.
- 10 The service at the restaurant was _____ good (that) I left a big tip.

b Rewrite the sentences using *so*, *such*, *so much / many*, or *such a*.

- 1 I played badly. I lost 6-0, 6-0.
I played so badly (that) I lost 6-0, 6-0.
- 2 The movie was very bad. We left after half an hour.
It was _____.
- 3 The food was disgusting. Nobody could eat it.
The food _____.
- 4 He made a lot of mistakes. The boss fired him.
He made _____.
- 5 The music was beautiful. Everyone stopped to listen.
It was _____.
- 6 They were good seats. We had a perfect view.
They were _____.
- 7 There was a lot of traffic. We missed our flight.
There was _____.
- 8 Joe ate a lot of cookies. He felt sick.
Joe ate _____.



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

- 1 It was such a hot day (that) _____
_____.
- 2 She has so many clothes (that) _____
_____.
- 3 I have so much work (that) _____
_____.
- 4 We were so tired (that) _____
_____.
- 5 They were playing such loud music (that) _____
_____.

7A MINI GRAMMAR *would rather*

a Complete the sentences with *would rather* and a verb from the list.

go have (x2) not do not go out not see stay walk

- 1 Would you *rather walk* or go by car tonight?
- 2 I'm not going to the party because I _____ my ex-boyfriend.
- 3 _____ meat or fish for lunch?
- 4 I _____ in a hotel than go camping this summer.
- 5 Most of the students _____ homework, but they have to do it.
- 6 Where _____ you _____ lunch today, at home or at a restaurant?
- 7 _____ you _____ to the movies tomorrow instead of this evening?
- 8 I _____ tonight because I'm feeling very tired.

b Rewrite the sentences using *would rather*.

- 1 I'd prefer to stay at home tonight. I'm exhausted.
I'd rather stay at home tonight.
- 2 I'd prefer not to go shopping today. The stores will be really crowded.
_____.
- 3 Would Karen prefer to work for herself or for a company?
_____?
- 4 Would you prefer to get takeout or go out for dinner?
_____?
- 5 Hamish would prefer not to work at night, but he doesn't have any choice.
_____.
- 6 I'd prefer not to see my in-laws so often, but they live nearby.
_____.

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c Ask a partner the questions.

- 1 Would you rather go on vacation with friends or with your family? Why?
- 2 Would you rather work at home or in an office? Why?
- 3 Would you rather live in your town or somewhere else? Why?
- 4 Would you rather be an only child or have brothers and sisters? Why?



7B MINI GRAMMAR *as*

a Match 1–10 to a–j to make complete sentences.



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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>b</i> You're nearly as tall... | a as if it had been cooked for too long. |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> The burglar was arrested... | b as me: |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> He's very well known... | c as a bandage. |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> We'll have to use this scarf... | d because it's too biased. |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't go and see that movie... | e I met an old friend. |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Because I wasn't feeling well... | f just as he was leaving the house. |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> The pasta tasted awful... | g because the reviews were awful. |
| 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Turn the light off... | h as a composer and conductor. |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> I never read that newspaper... | i I didn't go to work. |
| 10 <input type="checkbox"/> As I was coming here... | j as you leave. |

b Complete the sentences with *like* or *as*.

- This tastes *like* chicken, or is it turkey?
- My brother works _____ a freelance journalist.
- Tim looks _____ his father. They have the same mouth and nose.
- That sounds _____ thunder. Do you think it's going to rain?
- It isn't as cold _____ yesterday.
- When I was camping, I had to use my sweater _____ a pillow.
- You sound _____ if you are very tired.
- I'm not sure what it is, but it smells _____ gasoline.

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

- As I was coming out of the movies, *I met an old friend*.
- I won't be able to go away this weekend because _____.
- I haven't heard the weather forecast, but it looks as if _____.
- I would love to work as _____.
- I'm not as _____ as my _____.

8A MINI GRAMMAR *have something done*

a Look at the pictures. What are these people having done?



straight



wash

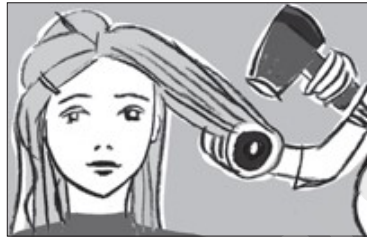


cut

1 *She's having her hair straightened.*

2 _____

3 _____



dry



curl

4 _____

5 _____

b Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have*, the past participle, and the words in parentheses.

- 1 I need *to have my suit cleaned* before my cousin's wedding. (suit / clean)
- 2 When we were in Paris, I _____ by a street artist. (my portrait / paint)
- 3 I absolutely hate _____. I always look awful! (my photo / take)
- 4 We _____ right now. (our kitchen / redecorate)
- 5 If you are feeling dizzy, you should _____. (blood pressure / check)
- 6 Have you ever _____? (your fortune / tell)
- 7 I _____ tomorrow. Could you give me a ride to work? (my car / fix)
- 8 I need _____ – it's not working well. (my watch / repair)
- 9 They had to _____ in their yard. It was damaged in a storm. (the big tree / cut down)
- 10 We usually _____ every five years. (our house / repaint)
- 11 I almost couldn't stop in time at the traffic lights today. I must _____ tomorrow. (brakes / test)
- 12 Our neighbors _____ yesterday. (a lot of new furniture / deliver)

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c Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Where do you have your hair cut?
- 2 Do you mind having your photo taken?
- 3 When was the last time you had your blood pressure checked?
- 4 How often do you have your eyes tested?
- 5 Have you ever had your portrait painted? If not, would you like to?

9A MINI GRAMMAR *whatever, whenever, etc.*

- a Complete the sentences with *whatever, whichever, whoever, whenever, however, or wherever*.



- 1 Whatever I do, my boss always finds something wrong with it.
- 2 _____ I see Naila, she's always in a good mood.
- 3 _____ broke the window must come and see me after school.
- 4 I'm lucky. I never put on weight _____ much I eat.
- 5 We've decided that we are going to go _____ happens.
- 6 In Thailand, people were really friendly to us _____ we went.
- 7 _____ I go to New York on business, I always try to see a show on Broadway.
- 8 I never seem to get better at tennis _____ much I practice.
- 9 I like both desserts, so you have _____ one you want and I'll have the other one.
- 10 _____ said, "It's better to be poor, but happy" was wrong!
- 11 We could fly or take a train to Prague, _____ is quicker.
- 12 I'm sure the police will find the murderer, _____ he's hiding.

- b Match 1–5 to a–e to make complete sentences.

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e | I am happy to cook or go out. We'll do... | a whatever the weather. |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | Whenever you have a problem,... | b you can come and see me. |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | The theme park is open every day,... | c is in big trouble! |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | I am going to finish this today... | d however long it takes. |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | Whoever borrowed my jacket without asking... | e whichever you prefer. |

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

- 1 I'll always love you, whatever you do.
- 2 However rich people are, _____.
- 3 You must come and see me whenever _____.
- 4 Let's buy this one or that one, whichever _____.
- 5 Wherever you go in the world, you'll always find _____.
- 6 You can invite whoever _____.

