

SPECIAL COMPARATIVE STRUCTURES (DOUBLE COMPARATIVES)

- **the + comparative .. the + comparative (the faster, the better).** The translation in Spanish is “cuanto más rápido, mejor”
 - Are you looking for a cheap holiday? Yes, the cheaper the better
 - the sooner we leave, the sooner we'll arrive
 - the higher the price, the more reliable the product
 - the more the customer complained, the ruder and more unpleasant the manager became
 - the more the merrier

Complete each sentence with the information given in brackets

1. (the rent is high) The bigger a flat is , the higher is the rent
2. (you learn quickly) The younger you are, _____
3. (the roads are quiet) The earlier you leave, _____
4. (the choice is wide) The bigger a supermarket is, _____
5. (I get confused) The more I try to work this out, _____
6. (you can speak fluently) The more you practise, _____
7. (the beaches get crowded) The better the weather is _____

- **comparative and comparative (faster and faster).** The translation in Spanish is “cada vez más rápido”
 - the caravan was going faster and faster down the hill
 - the queue was getting longer and longer
 - everything gets more and more expensive every day
 - more and more people are trying to find a job abroad

Vicky works very hard at her studies, but she is worried she is making no progress. Complete her sentences

1. This subject gets harder and harder (hard) all the time
2. I'm just getting _____ (confused)
3. It's becoming _____ (difficult) for me to keep up
4. The textbook just gets _____ (complicated)
5. I spend _____ (much) time on my work
6. My list of things to do gets _____ (long)
7. My problems are just getting _____ (bad)