

Double comparatives

Task 1. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. The *old/ older* the children are, the *tall/ taller* they become.
2. The *active/ more active* you are, the *flexible/ more flexible* you get.
3. The *dark/ darker* it got, the *nervous/ more nervous* James was.
4. The *higher/ high* the buildings are, the *uglier/ ugly* they become.
5. The *narrow/ narrower* the streets are, *heavier/ the heavier* the traffic jam gets.
6. *Louder/ The louder* the music was, *angrier/ the angrier* Peter became.

Task 2: Complete the text with the correct form of adjectives.

I stayed with my aunt in the city last summer. She took me to a rooftop restaurant for dinner. When I entered the lift, I was extremely excited. However, (1. high) _____ the lift got, (2. scared) _____ I became. Anyway, the food was (3. delicious) _____ any other food I had ever tried. When we nearly finished our meal, the music band in the restaurant started to play. (4. loud) _____ the music was, (5. comfortable) _____ I felt, so I asked my aunt to leave. On the way home, the traffic seemed a bit (6. heavy) _____ usual, so my aunt decided to take a shortcut. Unfortunately, the more we drove in the small road, (7. narrow) _____ it got. When we got home, it was nearly 11p.m. It was (8. long) _____ time we ever spent on the same route.

Task 3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

Use the double comparative structure.

1. James got old. He became wise.
→ The _____.
2. The city was modern. The living standard got high.
→ The _____.
3. The children are young. It is easy for them to remember the lesson.
→ The _____.
4. The hotel is expensive. Its services are good.
→ The _____.

5. The road is dusty. My eyes get itchy.

→ The _____.

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

1. older, taller
2. more active, more flexible
3. darker, more nervous
4. higher, uglier
5. narrower, the heavier
6. The louder, the angrier

Task 2.

I stayed with my aunt in the city last summer. She took me to a rooftop restaurant for dinner. When I entered the lift, I was extremely excited. However, (1) *the higher* the lift got, (2) *the more scared* I became. Anyway, the food was (3) *more delicious than* any other food I had ever tried. When we nearly finished our meal, the music band in the restaurant started to play. (4) *The louder* the music was, (5) *the less comfortable* I felt, so I asked my aunt to leave. On the way home, the traffic seemed a bit (6) *heavier than* usual, so my aunt decided to take a shortcut. Unfortunately, the more we drove in the small road, (7) *the narrower* it got. When we got home, it was nearly 11p.m. It was (8) *the longest* time we ever spent on the same route.

Task 3.

1. The older James got, the wiser he became.
2. The more modern the city was, the higher the living standard got.
3. The younger the children are, the easier it is for them to remember the lesson.
4. The more expensive the hotel is, the better its services are.
5. The dustier the road is, the itchier my eyes get.