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**USING COMPARATIVES IN
DEFINITIONS**

USING DOUBLE COMPARATIVES

The format of double comparatives is as follows:

- **The (more / less) + (noun / noun phrase) subject + verb + the (more / less) + (noun) subject + verb**
- **The + comparative adjective + (noun) + subject + verb, the + comparative adjective + it is + infinitive**

Examples:

- The easier the test is, the longer students will wait to prepare.**
- The faster the car is, the more dangerous it is to drive.**
- The crazier the idea is, the more fun it is to try.**
- The more difficult the task is, the sweeter it is to succeed.**

These forms can be mixed up as well.

For example, a double comparative might begin with a more / less plus a subject and then end in a comparative adjective plus the subject.

- The more money he spends with her, the happier he becomes.**
- The less Mary thinks about the problem, the more relaxed she feels.**
- The more the students study for the test, the higher their scores will be.**

You can also reverse the above by beginning with a comparative adjective and ending with more / less plus a subject and verb or noun, subject and verb.

- **The richer the person is; the more privilege he enjoys.**
- **The happier the child is, the more the mom can relax.**
- **The more dangerous the amusement park ride is, the less management worries about making a profit.**

Double comparatives are often shortened in spoken English, especially when used as a cliché. Here are some examples of typical clichés using double comparatives.

- **The more the merrier**
means...

- **The more people there are, the merrier everyone will be.**

DOUBLE COMPARATIVES = INCORRECT USAGE

The use of the term double comparative also applies to the incorrect use of two comparative forms together. Here are some examples:

- **This wine is more tastier than that bottle.**
- **She is more funnier than Tom is.**

- **Alexander is more taller than Franklin.**

In this case, 'more' is not required as the comparative adjective form has been modified by the addition of '-ier'.

DOUBLE COMPARATIVES TO SHOW CHANGE

Finally, double comparatives are also used to show a continual increase or decrease.

- **There are more and more people coming to this vacation spot.**

It seems like there is less and less time to spend with the family these days.

Recently, people are finding more and more time to spend with their families.

Activities

ACTIVITY ONE:

Use the following sentence segments to create double comparatives of your own.

1. people / come / party, food / we / need

2. difficult / test, students / study

3. nice / customer service representative / happy / customer

4. high-tech / car, expensive / model

5. full / church, good / pastor

6. funny / comic, sales / cd / have

7. severe / judge, harsh /sentence

8. experienced / technician, satisfying / repair

9. long / play, bored / audience

10. money / spend, money / save

ACTIVITY TWO

Write definitions of the following subjects in two different ways:

1. Criminology /study / describe crime.

2. Ant transcription / compounds / applied to leaves.

3. Chemistry / science / deals with composition and behaviors of substances.
