

The more the more

Expressing ratios:

To express uncertainty we can use "to tend to ...":
"likely" does a similar job:

- *The older I get the tireder I feel.*
- *The more I know about this job the less interested I am in applying for it.*
- *The more people earn the more they tend to save.*
- *The more people earn the more likely they are to save.*

A) Rewrite these sentences using the above construction:

- 1 The number of accidents rises in proportion to the speed limits imposed.
- 2 If you train hard you'll win more races.
- 3 The kinetic energy contained in a body varies with its speed of motion.
- 4 I listen to politicians a lot. I am becoming more cynical.
- 5 Corruption in developing countries seems to rise in line with the aid they receive from the west.
- 6 Social costs in Europe are rising. We won't be able to compete effectively with the Far East.
- 7 Politicians have been talking about GATT for ages, but agreement seems further away every day.
- 8 When people are desperate they tend to turn to crime more easily.
- 9 If our industrial production increases we will release more CO₂ into the atmosphere.
- 10 If the average temperature rises, the melting of the ice caps will accelerate.
- 11 If we pay a lot of subsidies we will distort the underlying economy.
- 12 I have more money than I used to, but I'm still always short at the end of the month.
- 13 As the use of drugs increases there is growing pressure for their decriminalisation.
- 14 As I get older I seem to have more patience.
- 15 As the level of crime rises so the public demands harsher punishment for criminals.
- 16 Parents often put pressure on their children to succeed, but this can cause the children to rebel.
- 17 There are more and more regulations imposed by Brussels. People are becoming more anti-EU.
- 18 There are now a lot of one-parent families. This is causing a big increase in social problems.
- 19 Unemployment is continuing to rise and the government is under growing pressure to act.
- 20 The degree of risk to health rises in line with the level of radiation someone is exposed to.

B) Repeat and complete these phrases

1	The bigger the tumour,
2	The more skilled the workforce,
3	The longer people wait at airports,
4	The faster you drive,
5	The better people understand economics,
6	The politer you are to the police,
7	The more you flaunt your wealth,
8	The more the government says about red-tape,

9	The more fast foods people eat,
10	The more we use antibiotics in farming,
11	The better you maintain your car,
12	The more visible you are on your bike,
13	The more I see how nasty people can be,
14	The more lottery tickets you buy,
15	The nicer you are to people,
16	The more dictators that are killed,

C) What's the relationship between

1	speed - accidents
2	age - wisdom
3	price - quality
4	training - performance
5	punishment - rehabilitation
6	rail freight - road congestion
7	taxes - profits
8	the rain forest - oxygen in the atmosphere
9	poverty - life expectancy
10	population density - the cost of housing
11	industrialisation - pollution
12	impatience when driving - danger
13	blood-alcohol level - severity of penalty
14	diet - health
15	temperature - the equator

16	purchase price - quality
17	regulations - efficiency
18	hard work - success
19	carbon in the atmosphere - global warming
20	average temperatures - sea levels
21	blood pressure - risk of a stroke
22	cleaning your teeth - how long they last
23	people's income - the amount they spend
24	the quality of your CV - getting an interview
25	alcohol - health
26	smoking - smell
27	taxes - competitiveness
28	supply - price
29	one-parent families - social problems
30	exercise - health