

The comparative and superlative structures

Translate the following sentences resorting to the appropriate comparative or superlative structure.

Superlative structure	Short adjective + the + adjective + -est - the least + adjective	Long adjective + the most + adjective - the least + adjective	Some exceptions : good > the best bad > the worst far > the furthest the furthest
	Comparative structure	Short adjective + adjective + -er + than - less + adjective + than = as + adjective + as	Long adjective + more + adj + than - less + adj + than
The double comparative: Example: The more, the merrier. The smaller chips become, the more Quantum physics interferes.			

a. Il y a toujours autant de gens qui pensent que le chômage est le pire des maux.

There are still as many people who believe that unemployment is the worst of all evils.

b. Il est beaucoup plus riche maintenant. Quand je pense qu'il a gagné plus d'argent que moi en travaillant moins.

He is much richer now. To think that he has earned more money than me while working less.

c. Il y a en hiver deux fois plus d'ouvriers absents qu'en été.

There are twice as many workers absent in winter as in summer.

d. Leur production de pétrole est dix fois plus élevée que leurs besoins.

They produce ten times as much petrol as they need.

e. Moins il y aura de voitures dans le centre des villes, plus la vie sera agréable.

The fewer cars (there are) in town centres, the more pleasant life will be.

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