The…the with comparative adjectives

Comparison and contrast are expressed by the structure **the…the**. Note that this structure is used to show proportionate increase or decrease.

Note the word order in both clauses: **the + comparative expression + subject + verb**

- **The less** I see him **the more** I like him. (NOT The less I see him I like him more.)
- **The more** I read **the less** I understand.
- **The older** we grow **the wiser** we become.
- **The higher** you climb **the colder** it gets.
- **The more** I study **the less** I learn.
- **The more** he earns **the less** he saves.

**More** can be used with a noun in this structure.

- **The more money** he makes, **the more useless things** he buys.

A short form of this structure is used in sentences ending **the better**.

‘How do you like your tea?’ ‘**The stronger the better.**’

Note that in these expressions the word **the** is not really the definite article. It is a form of the demonstrative pronoun, meaning ‘by that much’.

**Double comparatives**

Double comparatives are used to say that something is changing.

Note the structures:

- …**er and …er**
- **more and more**

She is getting **younger and younger**.

We are moving **more and more slowly**. (NOT We are moving more slowly and more slowly.)

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Mainstream and SOHO laptops generally aren’t especially inspiring, but at least Lenovo has tried to differentiate the new V Series machines with slick aluminum casings and covers, and 21mm-thick chassis. The Lenovo IdeaPad V370, V470 and V570 hit the 13.3-, 14- and 15.6-inch screen sizes respectively (each running at 1366 x 768), paired with up to Intel Core i7 second-gen Sandy Bridge CPUs and up to 8GB of RAM.

There’s also up to 1TB of storage, WiFi b/g/n and Bluetooth, together with USB 2.0, HDMI and eSATA. A combo DVD burner and Blu-ray drive are paired with NVIDIA GeForce 315M 1GB graphics on the V370 and GeForce 525M 2GB graphics on the V470 and V570. However it’s
possible to switch over to Intel’s integrated GPU to save battery life.

A fingerprint scanner, Lenovo Security Suite and RapidBoot for faster Windows 7 start-up round out the main specs. The Lenovo IdeaPad V Series will go on sale from April 2011, priced from $599.99