

MINI GRAMMAR *so / such...that*

a Look at these two sentences from the *Air Babylon* extract.

The passenger is normally **so embarrassed that** he disappears as quickly as possible.

When this happens there is often **such a strong smell of** roast bird **that** passengers on the plane think that chicken is being cooked.

We often use *so / such...that* to express a consequence.

- Use *so* + adjective
The flight was so bumpy (that) we all felt sick.
- Use *so* + adverb
The taxi driver drove so quickly (that) we got to the airport on time.
- Use *so much / so many* + noun
There was so much traffic that we nearly missed our flight.
- Use *such a* + adjective + single countable noun
It was such a great hotel (that) we want to go back there next year.
- Use *such* + adjective + uncountable noun
We had such terrible weather that we didn't really enjoy the holiday.
- Use *such* + adjective + plural noun
They were such uncomfortable seats (that) I couldn't sleep at all.

b Complete the sentences with *so*, *so much / many*, *such*, or *such a*.

- 1 The flight was _____ long that I got really bored.
- 2 I had _____ noisy child sitting beside me that I couldn't sleep at all.
- 3 My suitcase was _____ heavy that I had to pay excess baggage.
- 4 I slept _____ badly on the flight from New York that the jet lag was worse than usual.
- 5 We were served _____ terrible food that I couldn't eat a thing.
- 6 There were _____ people at check-in that we had to queue for ages.
- 7 We had _____ luggage that we had to get another trolley.
- 8 The people we met on holiday were _____ nice people that we kept in touch with them.

SPEAKING

In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 How do you feel about flying?
- 2 How often do you fly? What for?
- 3 When was the last flight you took? Where did you fly to?
- 4 Have you ever...
 - been very delayed at an airport? How long for?
 - missed a flight? Why?
 - been stopped in Customs? Were you carrying anything that you shouldn't have?
 - had very bad turbulence on a flight? How did you feel? Was anyone on the flight injured?
 - flown long haul? Did you get jet lag?
 - flown or been upgraded to business class? What was it like?
 - been on a flight where there was an emergency? What happened?
 - sat next to a screaming baby on a flight (or a child that kept kicking your seat)? What did you do?

