

Rephrasing: so / such - 5

a) Study these examples:

The temperature was very low.

The temperature was so low!

The temperature was so low (that) the water in the lake froze.

He bought an expensive car.

He bought such an expensive car!

He bought such an expensive car (that) he had to borrow the money.

The flood caused chaos.

The flood caused such chaos!

The flood caused such chaos (that) people soon started to panic.

They acted as vandals.

They acted as such vandals!

They acted as such vandals (that) the police arrested them all.

b) Drag the words or phrases to complete the rules:

so

such

such a / an

that

We use _____ in front of a noun phrase with a singular countable noun.

We use _____ in front of a noun phrase with a plural or uncountable noun.

We use _____ in front of an adjective.

The relative pronoun _____ can always be omitted in these sentences.

c) Rewrite these sentences without changing the meaning:

1. There was such (a) strong wind that it blew over a tree. ⁽¹⁾
The wind _____ that it blew over a tree.
2. The woman's wounds were so serious that she went into a coma.
The woman had _____ that she went into a coma.
3. It was such a tall building that the fog covered the top floors.
The building was _____ that the fog covered the top floors.
4. The meeting turned out to be so boring that I fell asleep.
It turned out to be _____ that I fell asleep.
5. Charles Chaplin was so brilliant as an actor that everyone knows his films.
Charles Chaplin was _____ that everyone knows his films.
6. The road was so dangerous there were dozens of accidents every year.
It was _____ that there were dozens of accidents every year.
7. It was such an expensive mobile phone that I didn't buy it.
The mobile phone _____ that I didn't buy it.
8. Some animals, like elephants, are so strong they can uproot a tree.
Elephants are _____ they can uproot a tree.
9. Jupiter is so big its mass is bigger than all the other planets combined.
Jupiter is _____ that its mass is bigger than all the other planets combined.
10. He ran so fast he could cover a mile in eight minutes.
He was _____ he could cover a mile in eight minutes.

⁽¹⁾ "Wind" can be used as uncountable, but it can also be plural.