

## So & such

Compare **so** and **such**:

We use **so** + *adjective/adverb*:

**so stupid**      **so quick**  
**so nice**        **so quickly**

- I didn't like the book. The story was **so stupid**.
- Everything happened **so quickly**.

We use **such** + *noun*:

**such a story**      **such people**

We also use **such** + *adjective + noun*:

**such a stupid story**      **such nice people**

- I didn't like the book. It was **such a stupid story**. (*not a so stupid story*)
- I like Liz and Joe. They are **such nice people**. (*not so nice people*)

We say **such a ...** (*not a such*):

**such a big dog**

### 1 Put in so, such or such a.

- It was a great holiday. We had such a good time.
- Everything is ..... expensive these days, isn't it?
- He always looks good. He wears ..... nice clothes.
- I couldn't believe the news. It was ..... shock.
- What a nice garden! These are ..... lovely flowers.
- The party was great. It was ..... shame you couldn't come.
- I was glad to see that he looked ..... well after his recent illness.
- I have to go. I didn't realise it was ..... late.
- Why does it always take you ..... long time to get ready?
- Everything went wrong. We had ..... bad luck.

### 2 Make one sentence from two. Choose from the box, and then complete the sentences using so or such.

The music was loud. I had a big breakfast. The bag was heavy.	It was horrible weather. It was a beautiful day. I was surprised.	I've got a lot to do. Her English is good. The hotel was a long way.
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- It was such a beautiful day ....., we decided to go to the beach.
- ....., she couldn't lift it.
- ....., I don't know where to begin.
- ....., I didn't know what to say.
- ....., it could be heard from miles away.
- ....., we spent the whole day indoors.
- ....., you would think it was her native language.
- ....., it took us ages to get there.
- ....., I didn't eat anything for the rest of the day.

### 3 Put the words in the right order.

- I got up at six this morning. I don't usually get up so early ..  
(get up / early / usually / so / don't)
- Why .....? There's plenty of time.  
(a / such / hurry / you / in / are)
- It took us an hour to get here. I'm .....  
(long / it / surprised / so / took)
- He said he worked for a company called Elcron, but .....  
(such / there's / company / no)
- I regret what I did. I don't know why .....  
(such / thing / I / did / a / stupid)
- Why .....? Can't you drive faster?  
(driving / so / you / slowly / are)
- Two months? How did you .....?  
(English / time / learn / short / a / such / in)
- Why .....? You could have got a cheaper one.  
(expensive / you / an / phone / did / such / buy)

**4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.**

- 1 We enjoyed our holiday. We had such a good time .....
- 2 I like Kate. She's so .....
- 3 I like Kate. She's such .....
- 4 It's good to see you again! I haven't seen you for so .....
- 5 I thought the airport was near the city. I didn't realise it was such .....
- 6 The streets were crowded. There were so .....

**Books**

As I work for a **publisher**, I'm always using **reference books** such as dictionaries. But I read a lot for **pleasure** too, and I particularly like **poetry**. At home all my books are arranged in **alphabetical order** (I know that's a bit strange!). I've also got lots of novels from different **categories** – **crime stories**, **ghost stories**, **historical novels**, **murder mysteries**, **science fiction**, etc. – but there is **non-fiction** as well. I read quite a lot of **biographies**. My husband says I'm book-crazy.



**GLOSSARY**

- publisher**
- reference book**
- pleasure**
- poetry**
- alphabetical**
- category**
- crime story**
- historical**
- mystery**
- science fiction**
- non-fiction**
- biography**

**1 Complete the table.**

murder mystery ✓ historical novel		reference book biography	ghost stories sci-fi	autobiography crime stories
<b>Fiction</b>		<b>Non-fiction</b>		
▶ <u>murder</u> ..... <u>mystery</u> .....		.....		
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**2 Complete the sentences.**

- ▶ A dictionary is arranged in alphabetical order.
- 1 I don't read \_\_\_\_\_ stories when I'm in bed in case I can't sleep afterwards.
- 2 Shakespeare is famous for his plays, but he also wrote beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Dictionaries are a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ book.
- 4 What kind of books do you read for \_\_\_\_\_ in the evenings?
- 5 Do you read crime stories? ~ Yes, I'm reading a murder \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.
- 6 What's the tenth letter of the \_\_\_\_\_? ~ It's 'J'.
- 7 Roy Jenkins wrote a famous \_\_\_\_\_ of Winston Churchill.
- 8 Keats, Baudelaire and Goethe are all famous \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 The students' names were arranged in \_\_\_\_\_ order.
- 10 Who \_\_\_\_\_ this book? ~ Oxford University Press.

**3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.**

- 1 Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Do you read for work, pleasure, or both? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Do you like sci-fi, murder mysteries or poetry? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Do you read novels? If so, which categories do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Have you ever read a biography or an autobiography? If so, whose? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Do you keep anything in alphabetical order? \_\_\_\_\_