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?

LIVEWORKSHEETS