

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.