

In written English, *so* and *such* are most often followed by a *that* clause. However, in conversation, *so* and *such* are frequently used alone to express emphatic stress.

The host on that game show is **so** funny!

That actress plays her role **so** convincingly!

The writers of that new sitcom show **such** originality!

That was **such** a great documentary!

So much, so little, so many, and so few can also be used without a *that* clause and for emphatic stress.

There are **so many** reality TV shows these days!

That game show gives away **so much** money!

In conversation, *much* and *little* can be used as adverbs following *so*.

Why do you watch TV **so much**? (*much* = "frequently")

That actor is featured **so little** that I sometimes forget he's on the show. (*little* = "infrequently")

Much, little, many, and few can also serve as pronouns for nouns.

TV can be bad for your health. I sometimes watch **so much** (TV) my eyes hurt.

He needs more free time. He has **so little** (free time) he can't keep up with the latest TV shows.

I don't watch soap operas anymore. I've seen **so many** (soap operas) that I'm tired of them.

TV news requires reporters, but there are **so few** (reporters) that many stories aren't covered.

1 Complete these sentences with *so*, *such*, *so much*, *so little*, *so many*, or *so few*.

1. You should see the Beyoncé documentary. It's _____ *so* _____ interesting!
2. It's a good night for watching TV. There are _____ new shows on!
3. Ed spent _____ money on that TV that he can't afford a stand.
4. Turn off that program right now! I've never heard _____ language!
5. _____ TV shows interest Jon that he rarely watches TV.
6. Shelby works long hours. He has _____ time for TV.

2 Complete the text with *so*, *such*, *so much*, *so little*, *so many*, or *so few*.

I've spent (1) _____ *such* _____ a lot of time watching reality TV that I guess I'm sort of an expert. There are (2) _____ genres of reality TV shows that it's confusing, and the list of individual shows is (3) _____ long nobody can remember them all.

A very popular one is about fishermen in Alaska. Those guys catch (4) _____ seafood they fill up the boat! They catch a lot of viewers, too, with consistently high ratings and more than a few important awards. One low-rated show is about home renovations. In fact, (5) _____ people watch it that it's going to be canceled. My favorite is about pet cloning. It's quite popular. However, it's (6) _____ a strange show that I'm really surprised (7) _____ people like it.

I'm really glad there are channels dedicated entirely to reality TV. Honestly, I have (8) _____ interest in other TV genres that reality TV is all I watch!