Unit 25

Grammar

So and *such*, *too* and *enough*

so and such

Use

Both *so ... that* and *such ... that* are used to show the results of a situation or action. They take the following structures:

Form	Example
with an adjective:	
so + adjective + that	*Al is **so good that** he was made manager.*
with a noun:	
so + many/much + noun + that	*Al sells **so many cars that** he was made manager.*
such + a/an + adjective + noun + that	*Al is **such a good worker that** he was made manager.*
such + adjective + plural noun + that	*Al gets **such good results that** he was made manager.*
such + a lot of + noun + that	*Al makes **such a lot of money for the company that** he was made manager.*
with an adverb:	
so + adverb + that	*Al **works so well that** he was made manager.*

too and enough

Use

Both *too* and *enough* are used to talk about how much or how little of something there is. We use *too* to describe the negative effect of having more than necessary. We use *enough* to describe the effects of having/not having the right amount of something.

Form	Example
with an adjective:	
too + adjective (+ full infinitive)	*It's **too cold** to work in the garden.*
adjective + enough (+ full infinitive)	*Carol isn't **patient enough** to work as a teacher.*
with a noun:	
too + many/much + noun (+ full infinitive)	*Jonty works **too many hours** to have any hobbies.*
enough + noun (+ full infinitive)	*We don't have **enough money** to pay our bills.*
with an adverb:	
too + adverb (+ full infinitive)	*I got there **too late** to see the manager.*
adverb + enough (+ full infinitive)	*Jack did the work **quickly enough** to finish half an hour early.*

Watch out!

- *Too* does not mean the same as *very*. We only use *too* when we are describing something negative.
  ✓ *I've got **too** much work. I can't come out tonight.*
  ✗ ~~*This job is great because you get paid **too** much money.*~~
- *Enough* always comes after the adjective.
  ✓ *You're not old **enough** to work here.*
  ✗ ~~*You're not **enough** old to work here.*~~
- Both *too* and *enough* can be followed by *for*.
  ✓ *It's too hot **for** me in this office.*
  ✓ *You're not old enough **for** the army.*

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A Complete using *so* or *such*.

1 The pan was ..... hot that I nearly dropped it!
2 Mr Jones was ..... a kind man that I was sad when he moved to another town.
3 We have ..... many pets that sometimes it's really noisy!
4 Alicia is ..... good at basketball that I think she could be a professional.
5 There was ..... a lot of smoke that I couldn't see.
6 Tyrone ran ..... fast that no one had a chance in the race.
7 Cherie is ..... popular that everyone wants to be friends with her.
8 Would you like to have ..... long hair that you can sit on it?

B If the phrase in bold is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is wrong, write the correct phrase.

1 Paris Hilton is **such famous that** she gets recognised wherever she goes.
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2 There were **so many customers in the shop that** I couldn't move!
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3 The man spoke **such quickly that** I couldn't understand a word he said.
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4 I had **so good marks that** my dad bought me a new computer!
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5 Victoria is **so old that** she can remember seeing a car for the first time.
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6 There was **so a long queue that** we decided to go home.
.....
7 I've got **so a lot of friends that** I don't have time to see them all.
.....
8 Big Brother was **such successful that** they're making another series.
.....

C Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words.

1 I have a lot of money and I don't know what to do with it. **such**
I have ..... that I don't know what to do with it.
2 Adrian fell asleep during the film because he was very tired. **so**
Adrian ..... he fell asleep during the film.
3 Today was so hot that I didn't want to do anything. **such**
Today was ..... that I didn't want to do anything.
4 I didn't have time to open all my Christmas presents because I got so many! **such**
I got ..... Christmas presents that I didn't have time to open them all!
5 They closed the funfair because it was very dangerous. **that**
The funfair ..... they closed it.
6 The food was so spicy that I couldn't eat it. **such**
We had ..... that I couldn't eat it.

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D Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 This soup is **very salty / too salty** to eat.
2 If you run **too fast / fast enough**, you might win the race.
3 Don't drive **too fast / fast enough** or you might have an accident.
4 Have we got **too much / enough** time or do we need more?
5 Do you think you're **too strong / strong enough** to lift this heavy chair?
6 There are **too many / enough** questions here! I can't do all of them in five minutes!
7 Are you **enough warm / warm enough**? Shall I put the heating on?
8 This tea is **too / enough** hot to drink. I'll wait for it to cool down.

E Complete using a word from box A and a word or phrase from box B. You have to use the words in box A more than once.

A enough • so • such • too

B a long time • a lot of fun • beautiful • early • hard • hot • many things • sweets

1 We were having ..... at the party that I didn't want to come home.
2 I put ..... in the plastic bag and it broke.
3 We didn't have ..... for everyone to have one.
4 Nancy is ..... that I think I'm falling in love with her.
5 It's raining ..... to go out. Let's stay in and watch TV.
6 When the milk is ..... , pour it into the cup and stir with a spoon.
7 We waited for ..... that I thought the bus was never going to come!
8 Stacy got to the theatre ..... that there was no one there.

F Write *so*, *such*, *too* or *enough* in each gap.

My first – and last! – day at work

I'll never forget my first day at work. It was (**1**) ..... a disaster that I lost my job! The boss explained what I had to do, but she did it (**2**) ..... quickly that I didn't understand. I wasn't brave (**3**) ..... to ask her to repeat it, so I pretended I knew what to do. It wasn't difficult at first – just putting numbers into a computer. Soon, though, I was (**4**) ..... busy that I started making more and more mistakes. I made (**5**) ..... a lot of mistakes that the other workers noticed. They tried to help me, but it was (**6**) ..... late. In the end, I just had (**7**) ..... much to do that I gave up. I sat there and stared at my computer for two hours! The boss came back and she was (**8**) ..... shocked that she fired me immediately! My first day was also my last!

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