

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**.

- 1 It was a great holiday. We had **such a** good time.
- 2 Everything is expensive these days, isn't it?
- 3 He always looks good. He wears nice clothes.
- 4 I couldn't believe the news. It was shock.
- 5 What a nice garden! These are lovely flowers.
- 6 The party was great. It was shame you couldn't come.
- 7 I was glad to see that he looked well after his recent illness.
- 8 I have to go. I didn't realise it was late.
- 9 Why does it always take you long time to get ready?
- 10 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.	It was horrible weather.	I've got a lot to do.
I had a big breakfast.	It was a beautiful day.	Her English is good.
The bag was heavy.	I was surprised.	The hotel was a long way.

- 1 **It was such a beautiful day** , we decided to go to the beach.
- 2 , she couldn't lift it.
- 3 , I don't know where to begin.
- 4 , I didn't know what to say.
- 5 , it could be heard from miles away.
- 6 , we spent the whole day indoors.
- 7 , you would think it was her native language.
- 8 , it took us ages to get there.
- 9 , I didn't eat anything for the rest of the day.

3 Put the words in the right order.

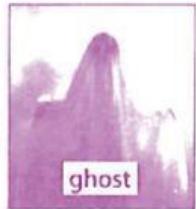
- 1 I got up at six this morning. I **don't usually get up so early**
(get up / early / usually / so / don't)
- 2 Why ? There's plenty of time.
(a / such / hurry / you / in / are)
- 3 It took us an hour to get here. I'm
(long / it / surprised / so / took)
- 4 He said he worked for a company called Elcron, but
(such / there's / company / no)
- 5 I regret what I did. I don't know why
(such / thing / I / did / a / stupid)
- 6 Why ? Can't you drive faster?
(driving / so / you / slowly / are)
- 7 Two months? How did you ?
(English / time / learn / short / a / such / in)
- 8 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
Fiction		Non-fiction	
► murder mystery			
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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? _____