

# SO AND SUCH

Study this example;

I didn't like the movie. The story was so boring.

I didn't like the movie. It was such a boring story.

**A.** We use "SO" with an adjective (without noun).

*So boring, so old, so slow, so stupid, so beautiful, so great, etc.*

**B.** We use "SUCH" with an adjective + Noun.

*Such a boring movie, such an old car, such a stupid mistake, such a beautiful painting, such a great party, etc.*

**C.** We can also use "SO" with an adverb.

*So quickly, so strangely, etc.*

Use "So" or "Such" in the correct spaces.

1. I was surprised to see that he looked \_\_\_\_\_ strong after running 10 km.
2. Hurry up! Don't walk \_\_\_\_\_ slowly.
3. He is very handsome and has \_\_\_\_\_ a cute butt!
4. That was the worst pizza I have ever had! I've never eaten \_\_\_\_\_ terrible food!
5. The wind was \_\_\_\_\_ strong, that it blew some children down!
6. Habanero's are \_\_\_\_\_ a spicy pepper that most people can't eat them.
7. Things are \_\_\_\_\_ expensive these days! I remember when a coke cost a peso!

**D.** "So" and "Such" make the meaning of an adjective stronger, and are often used with "... that".

*I was **so** tired **that** I went to sleep at 7 pm.*

*It was **such** a good book **that** I couldn't stop reading!*

Make one sentence from two by using "so".

1. She worked out very hard. She made herself sick.  
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2. Children are very excited about Santa Clause. They can't sleep.  
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3. The water was cold and dirty. We decided not to go swimming.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. She speaks English well. You might think it is her native language.  
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Now change these sentences to use "Such" instead of "So".

1. The road was so narrow that it was difficult for two cars to pass.  
It was \_\_\_\_\_
2. The weather was so warm that I didn't need a coat.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
3. He is so tall that he sometimes hits his head on street signs.  
He is \_\_\_\_\_

4. He talks so quietly that it is hard to hear him.

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**E.** There are a few combinations that are always together. For example:

*"So long", but "Such a long time"*  
*"So far", but "Such a long way"*  
*"So many/ So much", but Such a lot of*

Complete these sentences with the correct combination of words.

1. It's a long way from your house to the airport. I didn't know it was so

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2. We had a lot of problems. We didn't expect so

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3. You have a lot of pencils in your bedroom. Why do you have so

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4. There are millions of people in China. Why are there such

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5. Traffic was terrible tonight. It doesn't usually take us so

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