

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.

2. Children are very excited about Santa Clause. They can't sleep.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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