

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.

- It was a great holiday. We had such a good time.
- Everything is expensive these days, isn't it?
- He always looks good. He wears nice clothes.
- I couldn't believe the news. It was shock.
- What a nice garden! These are lovely flowers.
- The party was great. It was shame you couldn't come.
- I was glad to see that he looked well after his recent illness.
- I have to go. I didn't realise it was late.
- Why does it always take you long time to get ready?
- 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.
I had a big breakfast.
The bag was heavy.

It was horrible weather.
It was a beautiful day.
I was surprised.

I've got a lot to do.
Her English is good.
The hotel was a long way.

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

3 Put the words in the right order.

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

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? _____