# 1.6 USE OF ENGLISH

*so* and *such*

***I can use so and such correctly.***

**1** SPEAKING **Read the introduction. Then discuss the questions.**

1 Do you, or would you like to, live with three generations of your family?
2 What advantages can you think of?
3 What disadvantages can you think of?

## One home, three generations

Around the world, many families live with several generations in the same house. This is because young people can't afford to move away from home. Also the older generation live longer now, and they want to be useful. These homes are crowded, but the generations help and support each other. So what's it like to have grandparents, parents and children living together? We asked members of three generations of the same family.

**2** 1.17 **Listen to the father's views. Which of your ideas in Exercise 1 does he mention?**

**3** 1.17 **Listen again and choose the correct option.**

1 We have three generations in this house: it's *so* / *such* crowded!
2 New Zealand is *so* / *such* a long way from the UK.
3 Childcare is *so* / *such* expensive in London.
4 We were *so* / *such* poor that we couldn't go on holiday.
5 The house is very small for *so* / *such* a big family.

**4** 1.18 **Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Complete the text below with the daughter's views. Use *so* or *such*. Then listen and check.**

### LANGUAGE FOCUS

***so* and *such***

- You use ***so*** to emphasise adjectives.
  *so* + adjective → *It's so crowded!*
- You use ***such*** to emphasise nouns.
  *such* + noun phrase → *It's such a long way.*
  *We're such close friends. They give such good advice.*

I don't mind living with my grandparents, they're [1] so lovely. I like talking to them – they're very experienced and give [2] ____ good advice. Mum and Dad are [3] ____ busy. They don't have time to listen to our problems. My parents are [4] ____ lucky because grandma and granddad are very helpful in the house. Grandma is [5] ____ a good cook that she does most of the cooking, while granddad looks after the garden.

**5** 1.19 USE OF ENGLISH **Complete the text with the grandmother's views. Choose the correct option, A, B or C. Then listen and check.**

We thought about it for a long time because we're [1] *such* independent people. Some elderly people are lonely, but not us – we've got [2] ___ friends that we never feel lonely. But we wanted to help with the children. We try to be useful and it's [3] ___ fun to spend time with my grandchildren. People say that teenagers are selfish and rude, but I must say my granddaughter's [4] ___ polite young lady and she's very kind. I worry about her little brother though. He's [5] ___ lazy!

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| 1 | A so | B such | C such an |
| 2 | A so many | B such many | C such a |
| 3 | A such | B such a | C so |
| 4 | A such | B so | C such a |
| 5 | A so | B such | C such a |

**6** SPEAKING **Which generation do you think benefits most from living in 'one home'? Discuss with a partner.**

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