

Grammar Challenge

So & such

Practice



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Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	The weather was so
2.	It was such a cold day ...
3.	The shoes were so cheap ...
4.	It was such an expensive dress ...
5.	The exam was so difficult that ...
6.	It was such an easy exam that ...
7.	The cake was so delicious that ...
8.	It was such a horrible cake ...

a.	... I only answered 3 questions.
b.	... I ate 3 pieces.
c.	... I finished it an hour early.
d.	... I couldn't eat any of it.
e.	... that we couldn't go out at all.
f.	... bad that we stayed at home all day.
g.	... that I bought 3 pairs.
h.	... that I couldn't afford to buy it.

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Exercise 2:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a-d which best fits the space.

1. I ... that I fell asleep on the bus.
 - a. was such tired
 - b. was tired
 - c. was so tired
 - d. so tired

2. It was ... it broke down every few weeks.
 - a. such an old that
 - b. such an old car so
 - c. so an old car that
 - d. such an old car that

3. We were ... that we ate the food before it was properly cooked.
 - a. such hungry
 - b. so hungry
 - c. such hunger
 - d. so a hungry

4. He was ... that he hardly had any friends at all.
 - a. so shy
 - b. such a shy
 - c. such shy
 - d. shy so

5. They were ... that they were invited to parties every weekend.
 - a. so a popular couple
 - b. so popular couple
 - c. such popular
 - d. such a popular couple

6. The music was ... that I could hardly hear myself think.
 - a. so loudly
 - b. such loudly
 - c. such loud
 - d. so loud

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Exercise 3: Word Order

Choose the **5 words** which complete each sentence:

1. The ... they won the match.

so	that	play	team	well	such	played
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2. It was ... I went to see it again.

good	a	that	so	such	film	boring
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3. ... I could hardly control myself.

angry	so	such	I	that	felt	angrily
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4. She ... that she got a promotion.

a	so	worker	hard	work	was	such
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5. ... he got a pay rise.

such	so	that	work	he	hard	worked
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6. ... we had to go home early.

we	tired	tiring	were	such	so	that
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Answers

Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	The weather was so	f.	... bad that we stayed at home all day.
2.	It was such a cold day ...	c.	... that we couldn't go out at all.
3.	The shoes were so cheap ...	g.	... that I bought 3 pairs.
4.	It was such an expensive dress ...	h.	... that I couldn't afford to buy it.
5.	The exam was so difficult that ...	a.	... I only answered 3 questions.
6.	It was such an easy exam that ...	c.	... I finished it an hour early.
7.	The cake was so delicious that ...	b.	... I ate 3 pieces.
8.	It was such a horrible cake ...	d.	... I couldn't eat any of it.

Exercise 2:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a-d which best fits the space.

- I ... that I fell asleep on the bus.
 - was such tired - Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - was tired – Wrong – you need to add 'so'.
 - was so tired - Correct – you have used 'so' with an adjective.**
 - so tired – Wrong – you need to add a verb.
- It was ... it broke down every few weeks.
 - such an old that - Wrong – you need to use a noun with 'such'.
 - such an old car so – Wrong – you need to use 'that' to introduce the result.
 - so an old car that – Wrong – you should use 'such' with an adjective and noun.
 - such an old car that – Correct – you have used 'such' with an adjective and noun.**
- We were ... that we ate the food before it was properly cooked.
 - such hungry - Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - so hungry - Correct – you have used 'so' with an adjective.**
 - such hunger – Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - so a hungry – Wrong – do not use 'a' with an adjective.

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4. He was ... that he hardly had any friends at all.
 - a. **so shy - Correct – you have used 'so' with an adjective.**
 - b. such a shy - Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - c. such shy - Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - d. shy so - Wrong – the words are in the wrong order.

5. They were ... that they were invited to parties every weekend.
 - a. so a popular couple - Wrong – you should use 'such' with an adjective and noun.
 - b. so popular couple - Wrong – you should use 'such' with an adjective and noun; and you also need an article.
 - c. such popular - Wrong – you need to use a noun with 'such'.
 - d. **such a popular couple - Correct – you have used 'such' with an adjective and noun.**

6. The music was ... that I could hardly hear myself think.
 - a. so loudly - Wrong – You need an adjective, not an adverb.
 - b. such loudly - Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - c. such loud - Wrong – you need to use 'so' plus an adjective.
 - d. **so loud - Correct – you have used 'so' with an adjective.**

Exercise 3: Word Order

Choose the **5 words** which complete each sentence:

1. The **team played so well that** they won the match.
2. It was **such a good film that** I went to see it again.
3. **I felt so angry that** I could hardly control myself.
4. She **was such a hard worker** that she got a promotion.
5. **He worked so hard that** he got a pay rise.
6. **We were so tired that** we had to go home early.