

So and Such Exercises

Level: B1

So strengthens a description; such introduces a noun phrase

Use *so* before an adjective or adverb alone. Use *such* before a descriptive noun phrase, with *a/an* for a singular countable noun. For quantity, use *so much/many* before a noun. These patterns can lead to a result clause with *that*.

So + adjective: *The film was so funny that we laughed all evening.* No noun follows *funny* here.

So + adverb: *She spoke so quietly that I could not hear her.* *Quietly* describes how she spoke.

Such a/an + singular noun: *It was such a funny film that we watched it twice.* The phrase includes a singular countable noun.

Such + plural/uncountable noun: *They were such friendly people. / It was such good news.* Do not add *a* before a plural or uncountable noun.

So much/many: For quantity, use *so much* + uncountable noun or *so many* + plural noun: *so much time, so many books.*

Exercise 1: Choose so or such

Choose the expression that fits the adjective, adverb or noun phrase that follows.

1. The soup was ___ hot that I waited before eating it.
a) so b) such c) such a
2. It was ___ cold day that we stayed inside.
a) so b) such c) such a
3. She spoke ___ softly that nobody heard her.
a) so b) such c) such a
4. They are ___ helpful neighbours that everyone likes them.
a) so b) such c) such a
5. We had ___ time that we visited the museum too.
a) so much b) such c) such a
6. He has ___ books that he needs another shelf.
a) so many b) so much c) such a

Exercise 2: Complete the result sentence

Use *so*, *such*, *such a*, *so much* or *so many*. Type only the missing expression.

7. The room was ___ noisy that we left. (before an adjective)
8. It was ___ noisy room that we left. (before a singular countable noun phrase)
9. He answered ___ politely that everyone thanked him. (before an adverb)

10. They told ___ interesting stories that we listened for hours. (before a plural noun phrase)
11. We had ___ work that we stayed late. (large quantity of uncountable work)
12. She has ___ friends that she is never lonely. (large quantity of plural friends)

Exercise 3: Fix so and such

Replace the incorrect expression with the one that fits the following words. Keep the rest of the sentence.

13. The film was such funny that we laughed.

14. It was so funny film that we watched it twice.

15. She spoke such quietly that I missed her words.

16. They are such a kind people that everyone trusts them.

17. We had such much work that we stayed late.

18. There were so much books that we needed another shelf.

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose so or such

1. a) so
2. c) such a
3. a) so
4. b) such
5. a) so much
6. a) so many

Exercise 2: Complete the result sentence

7. so
8. such a
9. so
10. such
11. so much
12. so many

Exercise 3: Fix so and such

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