

## A

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**.
- ☐ I like Liz and Joe. They are **so nice**.

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** (*not a such big dog*)

## B

**So** and **such** make the meaning stronger:

- ☐ It's a beautiful day, isn't it? It's **so warm**. (= really warm)
- ☐ It's difficult to understand him because he talks **so quietly**.

You can use **so ... that**:

- ☐ The book was **so good that** I couldn't put it down.
- ☐ I was **so tired that** I fell asleep in the armchair.

We usually leave out **that**:

- ☐ I was **so tired** I fell asleep.

- ☐ It was a great holiday. We had **such a good time**. (= a really good time)
- ☐ You always think good things are going to happen. You're **such an optimist**.

You can use **such ... that**:

- ☐ It was **such a good book that** I couldn't put it down.
- ☐ It was **such nice weather that** we spent the whole day on the beach.

We usually leave out **that**:

- ☐ It was **such nice weather** we spent ...

## C

We also use **so** and **such** with the meaning 'like this':

- ☐ Somebody told me the house was built 100 years ago. I didn't realise it was **so old**. (= as old as it is)
- ☐ I'm tired because I got up at six. I don't usually get up **so early**.
- ☐ I expected the weather to be cooler. I'm surprised it is **so warm**.

- ☐ I didn't realise it was **such an old house**.
- ☐ You know it's not true. How can you say **such a thing**?

Note the expression **no such ...**:

- ☐ You won't find the word 'blid' in the dictionary. There's **no such word**. (= this word does not exist)

## D

Compare:

**so long**

- ☐ I haven't seen her for **so long** I've forgotten what she looks like.

**such a long time**

- ☐ I haven't seen her for **such a long time**. (*not so long time*)

**so far**

- ☐ I didn't know it was **so far**.

**such a long way**

- ☐ I didn't know it was **such a long way**.

**so much, so many**

- ☐ I'm sorry I'm late – there was **so much** traffic.

**such a lot (of)**

- ☐ I'm sorry I'm late – there was **such a lot of** traffic.