

So / Such

So + Adjective

"So" can be combined with adjectives to show extremes. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: The music is so loud! I wish they would turn it down.

Can be combined with "that" to show extremes which lead to certain results. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: The music is so loud that I can't sleep.

So + Adverb

"So" can be combined with adverbs to show extreme actions. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: She spoke so quickly! She sounded like an auctioneer.

Can be combined with "that" to show extreme actions which lead to certain results. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: She spoke so quickly that I couldn't understand her.

So + Many / Few + Plural Noun

"So" can be combined with "many" or "few" plus a plural noun to show extremes in amount. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: I never knew you had so many brothers!

Can be combined with "that" to show extremes in amount which lead to certain results. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: I never knew you had so many brothers that you had to share a bedroom.

So + Much / Little + Non-countable Noun

"So" can be combined with "much" or "little" plus a non-countable noun to show extremes in amount. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: Jake earns so much money! And he still has trouble paying the rent.

Can be combined with "that" to show extremes in amount which lead to certain results. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: Jake earns so much money that he has lost all sense of what a dollar is worth.

So + Much / Little / Often / Rarely

"So" can be combined with words like "much," "little," "often," or "rarely" to describe how much or how often someone does an action. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: Earl drinks so much! It's not good for his health.

Can be combined with "that" to show the results of extreme actions. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: Earl drinks so much that it is starting to interfere with his work.

Such + Adjective + Noun

"Such" can be combined with an adjective and a noun to show extremes. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: Don has such a big house! I think it's a little ridiculous.

Can be combined with "that" to show extremes which lead to certain results. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: Don has such a big house that I actually got lost on the way to the bathroom.

Such + Judgemental Noun

"Such" can also be combined with judgemental nouns for emphasis. This form is often used in exclamations.

Examples: He is such an idiot! He says the stupidest things.

Can be combined with "that" to show certain results. The "that" is usually optional.

Examples: He is such an idiot that nobody would hire him.

Such + Noun (This type of...)

"Such" can also mean "this type of..." or "that type of..."

Examples: The archeologist had never seen such writing before he discovered the tablet. this/that type of writing