


68 "So" and "such"

You can use "so" and "such" with certain words to add emphasis. They are similar in meaning, but they are used in different structures.

 **New language** "So" and "such" for emphasis

Aa Vocabulary Medical science

 **New skill** Emphasizing descriptions

68.1 KEY LANGUAGE "SO" AND "SUCH"

"Such" can be added before a noun to add emphasis. It can also be added before an adjective and noun combination. The "such" goes before "a / an."

"SUCH" + "A / AN" + NOUN

The trial was **such** a success.



"SUCH" + "A / AN" + ADJECTIVE + NOUN

It was **such** an important experiment.



TIP

"Such" + "a / an" + noun is more common with fairly extreme nouns rather than neutral ones.

"So" can be added before an adjective or an adverb to add emphasis.

"SO" + ADJECTIVE

The reaction is **so** dangerous.



"SO" + ADVERB

The surgery went **so** well!



68.2 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

The disease spread **so** / **such** slowly that he didn't notice it for many years.

- 1 Even at the start of her career, she was **so** / **such** a well-respected scientist.
- 2 My brother fell off his bike this morning. The injury was **so** / **such** bad that we called a doctor.
- 3 Colds spread **so** / **such** fast between children, particularly in large groups.
- 4 I was hoping to get some positive news, but the test results were **so** / **such** a disappointment.
- 5 I'm pleased that he's **so** / **such** an experienced surgeon. It's very reassuring!



68.3 KEY LANGUAGE "SO" AND "SUCH" WITH "THAT"

You can use "that" with "so" and "such" to introduce a particular result caused by the fact you are emphasizing.

"SUCH" + "A/AN" + NOUN + "THAT"

The disease is **such** a mystery **that** it doesn't even have a name yet.



"SUCH" + "A/AN" + ADJECTIVE + NOUN + "THAT"

This is **such** a strange injury **that** it is hard to diagnose.



"SO" + ADJECTIVE + "THAT"

Medical research is **so** expensive **that** drugs are often costly.



"SO" + ADVERB + "THAT"

He recovered **so** quickly **that** he was able to go home the next day.



68.4 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

The doctor was so tired that

① Dentistry is such a difficult job that

② He recovered so rapidly that

③ She had such steady hands that

④ The medicine tasted so bad that

⑤ It is such a new treatment that

you have to train for many years.

only a few patients have had it.

he was soon able to walk again.

he nearly fell asleep!

she could perform delicate operations.

I nearly spat it all out!



68.5 KEY LANGUAGE "SO" WITH QUANTIFIERS

"So" is also used before quantifiers like "few," "little," "many," and "much."



She had **so little** experience that I was really nervous.



These treatments are **so much** better than the old ones.

Use "so much" before comparatives.

TIP

Don't use "so" or "such" on their own before comparative adjectives.

68.6 FURTHER EXAMPLES "SO" WITH QUANTIFIERS

So many lives have been saved by advances in science.

This hospital is **so much** cleaner than the other one.

So few people have survived this illness. I'm very lucky.

Diseases can spread **so much** faster as a result of air travel.



68.7 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

So much young doctors have to work very long hours.

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① Surgeons train hard, which is why they make such few mistakes.

② I think these tablets work such much better than the others.

③ Doctors have to pass so much exams during their training.

④ Thank you, doctor. I feel such better than I did last week.





68.8 READ THE TEXT THEN FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

68 MEDICINE TODAY

RATS TRAINED TO DETECT DISEASE

An incredible breakthrough

People from all over the world fear and dislike rats, believing them to be dirty, diseased, and generally dangerous. But a little-known fact is that rats are so intelligent that they can be trained to do many things for humans that we cannot do ourselves. In Mozambique, rats are even being used to sniff out tuberculosis (TB).



Rats have a sense of smell that is so well developed that they can _____ traces of TB in test _____ given by humans. They signify when they smell TB by rubbing their legs together and are then given a treat through a syringe. There are a number of reasons why this is _____ an important breakthrough. First, the rats are able spot the _____ in its early stages, which is so much better than testing later because then treatment can be started right away on any patients who have tested positive. TB is _____ if it is detected in its early stages. If left undetected, it can be _____. Second, rats only take 30 minutes to test nearly 100 samples. This is so _____ more efficient than human laboratory _____, which can take up to four days to do the same number. Finally, using rats is so much cheaper than buying expensive devices and paying a lot of money per test. This is important because TB is still a global concern. The situation in Mozambique was so bad _____ TB was declared a national emergency in 2006. By 2014, 60,000 people were said, by the ministry of health, to be _____.

testing	<u>so</u>	that	detect	treatable	disease
deadly	much	such	samples	infected	

68 CHECKLIST

⚙️ "So" and "such" for emphasis ☐

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🧩 Emphasizing descriptions ☐