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# SUCH VS SO

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# SUCH

Such is used with nouns and noun phrases. It comes before a/an:

*Such people*

*Such interesting ideas*

*Such a decision (not ~~a such decision~~)*

# SUCH

Such can mean “like this\that”, “of this\that kind”. This is most common in a formal style, with abstract nouns:

*The committee wishes to raise fees. I would oppose such a decision.*

*There are various forms of secret writing. Such systems are called ‘codes’.*

In an informal style, and with concrete nouns, we prefer like this\that or this\that kind of:

*...systems like this are called...*

*He’s got an old Rolls-Royce. I’d like a car like that. (not ~~I’d like such a car.~~)*

# SUCH

Such is used to talk about a high degree of some quality. In this sense, such is common before adjective + noun.

*I'm sorry you had such a bad journey.*

*It was a pleasure to meet such interesting people.*

Such is also possible with this meaning before a noun alone, when the noun has an emphatic descriptive meaning:

*I'm glad your concert was such a success.*

*Why did she make such a fuss about the dates?*

# SUCH VS VERY, GREAT ETC.

Very, great and similar words are also used to talk about a high degree of some quality. The difference is that they give new information; such (like this\that) normally refers to information that is already known:

*I've had a very bad day. (giving information)*

*Why did you have such a bad day? (the information is already known)*

The weather was very cold. (giving information)

*I wasn't expecting such cold weather. (the information is already known)*

*There was great confusion. (giving information)*

*Why was there such confusion? (the information is already known)*

However, in a very informal style such also can be used to mean “very” or “great”, especially, in exclamations:

*She has such a marvelous voice! He's such an idiot!*

## SUCH VS VERY, GREAT, ETC.

Structures with *very* cannot be followed directly by *that*-clauses. Instead, we can use *such....that*.

*It was such a cold afternoon that we stopped playing. (not ~~it was a very cold afternoon that...~~)*

There is also a structure with *such* followed by *.... + as to + infinitive*.

This is formal and not very common:

*It was such a loud noise as to wake everybody in the house.*

Less formal – (... *such a loud voice that it woke....*)

## SUCH AS

*Such as* is used to introduce examples:

*My doctor told me to avoid fatty foods such as bacon or hamburgers.*

## SUCH – AND- SUCH

There is an informal expression: such-and-such

*She's always telling you that she's met such-and-such a famous person. (=one or other famous person)*



## SUCH BEFORE (ADJECTIVE+) NOUN

We use *such* before a noun (with or without an adjective):

*They're such fools. (NOT: ~~They're so fools.~~)*

*It was such good milk that we couldn't stop drinking it. (NOT: ~~It was so good milk that...~~)*

Such comes before a/an:

*She 's such a baby.*

*I've never met such a nice person. (NOT....a such\so nice person).*

## SO BEFORE ADJECTIVES, ADVERBS, ETC.

We use so before an adjective alone (without a noun) or an adverb:

*She's so babyish. (NOT ~~She's such babyish.~~)*

*The milk was so good that we couldn't stop drinking it.*

*Why do you talk so slowly?*

We can also use so before much, many, few and little:

*We've got so much to do, and so little time.*

We use so much, not so, before comparatives:

*I'm glad you're feeling so much better. (NOT...~~so better~~).*

## SO BEFORE AN ADJECTIVE AND AN NOUN

After *as, how, so, too* and *this\that* meaning *so*, adjectives go before an\an. This structure is common in a formal style:

*It was so warm a day that I could hardly walk.*

*I have as good a voice as you.*

*How good a pianist is he?*

*She is too polite a person to refuse.*

*I couldn't afford that big a car.*