

How To Use So In A Sentence

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Hello Candidates, yea it Uncle Asap, yea I know it's been a while since we've met, am sorry for that, but am back and today's topic is on "How To Use **So** In A Sentence" Or Use Of **So** in a sentence Or simply **So** Usage.

Yea, you know it always come down to a question, "How is **So** use in a sentence" Or What is use of **So** or Usage? Well you will found out soon, now call your friends, you enemies, call everybody, because it's show time....

How To Use So In A Sentence Or Use Of So

Before we proceed, do you even know what **So** is Or what it mean? Because in my own country there is a filling station called **So filling station**, so let us first get the definition, like let me break it down like bulldozer.

What Is The Meaning Of So

So is a conjunction between two clauses in a sentence or statement and also it acts as an [adverb of degree](#) in a sentence.

So in plain text: **So** is like something or someone that join two things or person together, let have it like that, or simply, **So is the third party that join or between two clauses to form a meaningful sentence. Let just say So is just a good samaritan that settles dispute between clauses and also tell us about often why something happens (adverb of degree).**

As we already know that, where there is no law, there is no crime. Yea, **So** has it own rules in which it should be use to form a sentence and trust me, you don't want to annoy him by using him inappropriately because it can sue you to court of law.

So let get use of **So** rules.

Use Of So Rules

Rule 1

1} *So* may, at one time, be a conjunction, linking two clauses together and, at another, be an adverb of degree. So candidates should be very careful enough to determine **So** function whenever it is used in a particular sentence.

When **so** is used as a conjunction in a sentence, the only function it performs is that it links the two clauses together as it introduces an [adverbial phrase or clause](#) of results.

E.g

It is raining **so** I am going home.

In the statement above, **so** links **it is raining** and **I am going home** together and it also introduces the result of the raining: "**I am going home**".

Meaning that, the subject wouldn't have go home if it hadn't been raining.

That is the first rule, now let get the second.

Rule 2

2} Whenever **so** is used to show the degree to which something happens, it is compulsory in the use of English Language that such a clauses be followed by a **that**.

For example:

He is **so** handsome - wrong

"He is **so** handsome" to what extent or degree.

So the statement above can be completed by adding adverbial phrase or clause.

He is **so** handsome, **that** everybody loves him. Do you now understand.

Let get the third rule.

Third Rule

3} Whenever there is no **so** or **such**, avoid the **that** clause usage.

For example,

It is wrong to say:

He is handsome, **that** everybody loves him.

But instead you say:

He is **so** handsome, **that** everybody loves him - just like me {LOL}.

Fourth Rule

4} Whenever, **very** or **too** is used in a statement to show *degree*, the statement **cannot** have an adjoining **that** clause.

For example:

It is wrong to say,

a) ~~He is **too** playful **that** he injured himself~~ instead you'll say:

He is **too** playful to the extent that he injured himself. {And besides, **too** is a negativity word: what that sentence is truly saying is that "he is gentle" }

It is also wrong to say:

b) ~~Mary was **very** kind **that** she appreciated me.~~

If you know that you're already used to this mistakes, the best method, is not to use it at all.

Fifth Rule

5} Another word that behaves like **So** as a degree adverb is **such**.

So meaning, **such** can also be used in lieu to **so** in a sentence or statement.

Example:

She is **such** a nice girl **that I will not** like to lose.

And please note that: it usually appears as **such a** or **such an**, not just as **such**.

And the last but not the least, yea Use Of So only contains 6 rules, compare to [concord with 24 rules](#)

Sixth Rule

6} Whenever, you have **so** + [adjective](#) + **a** or **an**, you should avoid using a **that** clause with it.

For example:

It is wrong to say:

a) ~~Mary is so pretty a lady that every guy admires~~, but instead you'll say,
Mary is **such a** pretty lady that every guy admires.

Or

Mary, **such pretty a** lady that every guy admires.

And voilla..., those are the rules of use of so in a statement or sentence, now let get five or more examples before we call it a day.

Questions On The Use Of So

a} Aids is () disease that kills slowly but surely.

Options:

- a) such deadly a
- b) very deadly
- c) so deadly
- d) too much deadly
- e) such deadly.

Hint: use rule 6

What does the sixth rule of use of so says: "whenever you have **so** + adjective + **a** or **an**, you should avoid using **that** clause with it.

Hence, the correct answer is **a - such deadly a**,

So the full sentence can now be written as:

Aids is **such deadly a** disease that kills slowly but surely.

Question 2

2} There was () much noise last night that we couldn't sleep.

Options:

- a) such
- b) very
- c) such a
- d) so
- e) that

Hint: use rule 2

What does the second rule of use of so says: " whenever so is used to show degree to which something happens, it is compulsory that such a clause be followed by a **that**.

So to solve this question, you first need to determine how many clauses are present in the statement, yea it is two, now rule it out.

Clause 1: There was () much noise last night....

That is the first clause,

we couldn't sleep....

And that is the second clause, it is the **that**, that joins the two clauses together and hence a **so** need to be introduced in the first statement. So pick the answer yourself.

Now let get a little bit confusing,

Question 3

3} The angry woman shouted and cursed in language () shocking for words.

Options:

- a) too
- b) very
- c) so
- d) quite
- e) far

Most candidates will go for option **a**, well you are 100% wrong.

You see in the use of English language, there is something called *inability* or *negative quality*.

For example, use of too,

Too is a word that is used to express negative quality of something, for example: when you say "he is **too** tall, what you simply say is that, he is a **short** person - hence negativity. It just like you are whining someone,

"Oh yea, he is too brilliant" and at the back of your mind you know that, what you are trying to express is how dumb the person is, but on the other hand "**very**" can express a positive or negative quality. {I will explain about "too and very" usage later}

So simply our answer is not **Too** nor **Very** but **So**.

So, The angry woman shouted and cursed in language **so** shocking for words.

If we choose **too** as our answer, then what we saying is that the angry woman is cursing in good words or manner, now ask yourself, does that sound right? I even find it difficult typing it. Same thing applies to **very**, very could even mean the same thing, "the angry woman is cursing in bad language and also in good language" is that even possible? Even looking at the word **curse**, it's already shows *negativity*.

Now to question 4.

Question 4

4} He was () weak () he could not climb the stairs.

Options:

- a) so/when
- b) very/that
- c)too/that
- d) so/that
- e) such/that.

Hint: use rule 2

I don't need to emphasizes more on this, just use rule 2,
yea the answer is **d**

Then the statement can now be written as below:

"He was **so** weak **that** he could not climb the stairs."

Question 5

5} She is so credulous () my myth story.

Options:

- a) in order believing
- b) that she believes
- c) to believe
- d) since she believes
- e) such believes

Hint: use rule 2

She is **so** credulous....{clause 1 }

To what extent?

To **that**{conjunction} she believes my myth story {clause 2 }

Then:

She is **so** credulous **that she believes** my myth story.

And we come to end on rules and use of "so" and I think that five examples should be enough to know the use of "so" in English language, now it your time to answer some questions. C'mon it's just two to three questions: I guarantee, not more than that.

Assignment

1} There were so many children ()

Options:

- a) than she could feed them all
- b) that she couldn't feed them all
- c) that she couldn't feed
- d) that she could feed

Hint: use rule 2

To cheap right? Well try this one.

Question 2

This writer analyses the evils of the society ()

- a) in so masterly a way
- b) very masterly
- c) so masterly
- d) in a masterly way
- e) in such a masterly way

Hint: use rule 5

3} The hill behind the town was so steep ()

Options:

- a) that no man could find a foot-hold on it.
- b) that no man could find foot-hold on
- c) than any man to find a foot-hold on it
- d) for any man to find a foot-hold on.
- e) for no man to find a foot-hold on it.

Hint: use rule 2

Submit your answers through the comment box please...

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