



# MAKING COMPARISONS & ADDING EMPHASIS

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# as + adjective + as

- Use *as* + adjective (or adverb) + *as* to say something is equal to or the same as another thing. We can use *nearly* or *almost* to say the two things are not exactly the same.
  - She's as tall as her sister.
  - This car is nearly as old as mine.
- Use *not as* + adjective (or adverb) + *as* to say something is less than another thing.
  - Our house isn't as big as yours.
  - He doesn't sing as beautifully as you.

# So & Such

- *So* and *such* have similar meanings.
- Use *so* + adjective to show emphasis or strong feelings about something. Without *so*, the sentence would still be complete.
  - That was so kind of you!
  - She paints so brilliantly!
- Also use *so* + adjective/adverb + *that* to describe something that leads to a result. In this use, without *so*, the sentence would not be complete.
  - It was so cold that we needed coats.
  - The couch was so big that it couldn't fit through the door.
- Use *such* + article (+adjective) + noun to show emphasis or strong feelings about something. An adjective often comes before the noun. Without *such*, the sentence would still be complete.
  - She's such a great player!
  - We had such a nice day at the beach!
  - He's such a fool!

# So/Such + that

- We also use *such* + adjective + noun + *that* clause to describe something that leads to a result. In this use, without *such*, the sentence would not be complete.
  - It was such a sad film that I cried.
  - They had such a good time that they returned the next day.
- SPOKEN ENGLISH: We sometimes omit *that* from *so/such* sentences with a clause:
  - I was so tired (that) I fell asleep.
  - It was such a good deal (that) we bought two of them!