

15 Uses of **So** in English

1. To emphasise an adjective or adverb

'Their house was **so** big!' / 'He was running **so** fast.'

2. To emphasise a comparative adjective

'The sea was **so** much calmer than before.'

3. To show the result of an action

'It started to rain, **so** I went home.'

4. To show purpose

'I left work early **so** that I could see you.'

5. To show addition

'I was late and **so** was Tim.'

6. To replace a verb phrase

'Did he get the book?' 'I think **so**.'

7. To replace an adjective

'He was upset, but she was even more **so**.'

8. To replace a conditional clause

'The car won't start.' 'If **so**, we need a mechanic.'

9. To say that something is true

'It's raining.' 'Yes, that is **so**.'

10. To emphasise a verb

'Please don't complain **so**!'

11. To give yourself time to think

'**So**... er, what did you think of the film?'

12. To express surprise

'**So**! That's where you put my chocolate!'

13. To represent the approximate size of something

'The cupboard was **so** high by **so** wide.'

14. To say that you don't care

'Mum is angry with you.' '**So**?' / '**So** what?'

15. To make different idioms

'The play was only **so-so**.' = unexceptional