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