

PRONUNCIATION—Pronouncing “ed” verbs

If the verb has a 'd' or a 't' sound before 'ed' you need to pronounce 'id'. If it doesn't, don't pronounce an extra syllable. There are exceptions. Some verbs ending in 'k' sound the 'ed'.

ED	T	D
wanted	helped	called
needed	looked	cleaned
started	washed	offered
painted	asked	loved
crooked	worked	used
wicked	blessed	followed
waited	kissed	learned
sounded	talked	lived
ended	reached	begged
decided	liked	

GRAMMAR—Using SO or SUCH

“So” is usually modifies an adjective, though it can modify an adverb. When we say, “It’s so rainy out.” we mean it is very rainy.

We also use “so” when we are explaining why something happens.

Examples:

My truck is so long, it won’t fit in the garage.

The crowd was making so much noise that I couldn’t hear.

The restaurant was so crowded we had to wait in line for an hour.

So few people came to the concert that it was canceled

The man spoke so quietly, I couldn’t understand him.

The day was lovely, so we went for a swim.

Write three sentences with “so”.

“Such” can sometimes be used like “so”. “Such usually modifies a noun or adjective.

Examples:

He’s such an idiot. They are such strong animals. We had such fun at the beach.

They are all such intelligent kids that teaching them is easy.

Some English learners confuse “so” and “such”. Decide whether to use “so” or “such” in these sentences.

1. The woman was _____ beautiful that everyone looked at her.
2. Olivia is _____ a beautiful woman.
3. The car was _____ an old one that it wouldn't start.
4. The car was _____ old that it wouldn't start.
5. The children are _____ rude that we can't stand to be around them.
6. She has _____ rude children.
7. The news was _____ a shock to us.
8. The news was _____ shocking.
9. It was _____ a loud bang it woke the children.
10. The bang was _____ loud it woke the children.
11. The book was _____ long it took me a year to finish it.
12. That was _____ a long book.
13. Kittens are _____ adorable little animals.
14. Those kittens are _____ adorable.
15. I bought the meal, _____ Kelly bought the wine.
16. We had _____ good wine with dinner.
17. The children were _____ tired they couldn't hold their heads up.
18. I have never seen _____ tired children.
19. I'm having _____ a wonderful time in Paris.
20. Paris is _____ wonderful.
21. It was _____ cold we all just stayed inside.
22. It was _____ a cold night that we just stayed inside.
23. Those are _____ rare drawings that they're insured for several thousand dollars.
24. Those drawings are _____ rare.

Write 3 sentences with "such".

DISCUSSION—Read and discuss each paragraph. All members of the group should answer the questions.

1. Most countries have certain ages when it is legal to drive, vote, drink, serve in the military. In the U.S., people can vote and serve in the military at 18. States have different laws about driving and drinking. In Texas you can drive at 16 and drink at 21. What are the age restrictions in your country for driving, voting, drinking and serving in the military? Do you think some of these ages should be changed?
2. Military service is not required in the U.S.. Is it required in your country? Do you think it should be? Have you ever served in the military? Would you be willing to serve if your country was at war?