

S.S.L.C. SECOND LANGUAGE- ENGLISH- GRAMMAR SECTION

Use of 'so.....that (not)'

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In some cases, 'sothat (not)' is used to combine two sentences. Usually it is to express a sort of exaggeration. A tinge of surprise is seen there.

e.g.:

The bus was very fast. We could not overtake it.

Here the movement of the bus is highlighted. These two sentences can be combined by using 'so.....that (not)' as:

The bus was so fast that we could not overtake it.

Some more examples:

It was raining very heavily. We could not go out.

It was raining so heavily that we could not go out.

He was very famous. Everyone knew him.

He was so famous that everyone knew him.

This sum is very simple. Even a primary school student can solve it.

This sum is so simple that even a primary school student can solve it.

These bananas are very cheap. They cannot be good.

These bananas are so cheap that they cannot be good.

He was shocked at the sight. He could not speak.

He was so shocked at the sight that he could not speak.

She sang very melodiously. Everyone stood up in appreciation.

She sang so melodiously that everyone stood up in appreciation.

The beggar was very old. He could not stand or walk.

The beggar was so old that he could not stand or walk.

The flower plant was very beautiful. Everyone was eager to buy it.

The flower plant was so beautiful that everyone was eager to buy it.

The bus was heavily crowded. Nobody could board it.

The board was so crowded that nobody could board it.

The child was very cute. Everyone longed to lift him.

The child was so cute that everyone longed to lift him.

This cell-phone is very costly. I cannot afford to buy it.

This cell-phone is so costly that I cannot afford to buy it.

My uncle's house is very far. I cannot reach there in two hours.

My uncle's house is so far that I cannot reach there in two hours.

The film was very interesting. He watched it throughout the night.

The film was so interesting that he watched it throughout the night.

Our principal is very friendly. Anyone can meet him.

Our principal is so friendly that anyone can meet him.

Questions from old question papers:

1. The players are very tired. They cannot play more. [Model 2026]

The players are so tired that they cannot play more.

2. She is very late. She cannot attend the function. [Model 2026]

She is so late that she cannot attend the function.

3. The sum is very difficult for me. I cannot solve this. [Model 2026]

The sum is so difficult for me that I cannot solve this.

4. His very young. He cannot drive a car. [Prep 1. 2026]

He is so young that he cannot drive a car.

5. I am very tired. I cannot concentrate on my work. [Prep. 2. 2026]

I am so tired that I cannot concentrate on my work.

6. The milk is very hot. The child cannot drink it. [Prep. 3. 2026]

The milk is so hot that the child cannot drink it.

