

## 23 as ... as, not as ... as

- We use *as* + adjective/adverb + *as* to say that two people or things are the same or equal: *I'm **as tall as** you now. He can run **as fast as** his friend.*
- We use *not as* + adjective/adverb + *as* to say that two people or things are not the same: *This basketball court **isn't as good as** the one at school. Alex **doesn't** play the guitar **as well as** Jamie.*

▶▶ **For comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, see Units 17 and 19.**

### PRACTICE

**23a** Complete the sentences. Use *as ... as* and the words in the box.

badly   carefully   fast   good   tired   well   well

- 0 Mike is a fast runner, but he can't run ..... *as fast as* ..... Rob.
- 1 I only met him last week. I don't know him ..... you do.
- 2 Alain doesn't sing very well, but he doesn't sing ..... Joe.
- 3 That was a long day. Are you ..... me?
- 4 That drawing is fantastic – you draw ..... a professional artist.
- 5 These pizzas aren't ..... the ones I ate in Italy.
- 6 Boys don't always write ..... girls.

**23b** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

- 0 Your computer is newer than my computer.  
My computer isn't ..... *as new as* ..... your computer.
- 1 Anne and Sarah are equally sensitive.  
Anne is ..... Sarah.
- 2 Our new neighbourhood is noisier than our old one.  
Our old neighbourhood wasn't ..... our new one.
- 3 Mick works harder than Peter.  
Peter doesn't work ..... Mick.
- 4 Wayne played worse than Donna.  
Donna didn't play ..... Wayne.
- 5 I thought the film was more exciting than the book.  
I thought the book wasn't ..... the film.
- 6 The Maths exam was easy and the English exam was equally easy.  
The Maths exam was ..... the English exam.

## 24 *too, enough, very*

We use *too* and *enough* with adjectives and adverbs. *Too* means ‘more than you need’. *Not ... enough* means ‘less than you need’. We use them in these patterns:

- *too* + adjective/adverb: *The man’s voice was **too soft**. He spoke **too softly**.*
- *not* + adjective/adverb + *enough*: *My bag **isn’t big enough**. They **don’t speak English well enough**.*
- *too* + adjective/adverb + *to* + infinitive OR (*not*) adjective/adverb + *enough* + *to* + infinitive: *He’s **too young to vote**. He **isn’t old enough to vote**.* (He can’t vote.)
- *too* + adjective/adverb + *for somebody* + *to* + infinitive OR (*not*) + adjective/adverb + *enough* + *for somebody* + *to* + infinitive: *It’s **too cold for us to swim today**. It **isn’t warm enough for us to swim today**.* (We can’t swim. It’s too cold.)
- *Very* means ‘a lot’. Compare: *This game is **very expensive**.* (But maybe I’ll buy it.)  
*This game is **too expensive**.* (It costs more than I can pay.)

### PRACTICE

**24a** Complete the sentences. Use *too* or *not ... enough* and the words in brackets.

- 0 We wanted to go cycling, but it was ..... *too windy* ..... (windy)
- 1 I’m going to bed. I’m ..... to eat any supper. (tired)
- 2 These jeans are ..... to wear to the party. (clean)
- 3 Helen needs new shoes. These ones are ..... for her now. (small)
- 4 We need two pizzas. This one is ..... for four people. (big)
- 5 It’s ..... to see the film now. It started twenty minutes ago. (late)
- 6 Gina had a bad cold yesterday. She was ..... to play tennis. (well)

**24b** Join the sentences. Use the words in brackets.

- 0 She doesn’t work hard. She won’t pass her exams. (enough)  
*She **doesn’t work hard enough to pass her exams**.*  
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- 1 He’s short. He can’t reach that shelf. (too)  
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- 2 We aren’t in Rome very long. We can’t see the whole city. (enough)  
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- 3 The man was very angry. He couldn’t speak. (too)  
.....
- 4 They’re sixteen years old. They can’t drive yet. (enough)  
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- 5 The music at the disco was very loud. We couldn’t have a conversation. (too)  
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- 6 Dan doesn’t play the guitar well. He can’t become a musician. (enough)  
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## 25 so ... that, such (a/an) ... that

- We use *so ... that* and *such (a/an) ... that* to talk about the result of something.
- We use *so* + adjective/adverb + *that* without a noun: *The painting was **so beautiful that** I wanted to buy it. We drove **so fast that** we got there in an hour.*
- We use *such* + adjective + uncountable/plural noun: *It was **such horrible weather that** we stayed at home. They're **such large trees that** they hide the view*
- We use *such a/an* + adjective + singular noun: *It was **such a big pizza that** I couldn't finish it.*

### PRACTICE

#### 25a Complete the sentences. Use *so*, *such* or *such a*.

- 0 She danced .....*so*..... well that she won the competition.
- 1 There you are! It's ..... dark that I didn't see you at first.
- 2 My dad has ..... big feet that he can never find shoes to fit.
- 3 Anna has ..... small bedroom that she can't get a computer in it.
- 4 These instructions are ..... confusing that I can't understand them.
- 5 The food was cooked ..... badly that we complained to the manager.
- 6 We had ..... bad weather on holiday that we came home two days early.
- 7 It was ..... boring film that we left before the end.
- 8 She ate ..... slowly that she was the last person to finish her lunch.

#### 25b Circle the correct answer.

New Message

Dear Helen,

Hello from Malta! I'm having (0) *so* / (*such*) a good time that I don't want to leave. The weather's great. It's (1) *so* / *such* hot that I go to the beach every afternoon. I'm staying with a host family, Mr and Mrs Campbell. They're (2) *so* / *such* friendly people that I really feel at home here. But their children are (3) *so* / *such* noisy that sometimes it's difficult to do my homework. The college is nice too, with students from all over the world. Some of them speak with (4) *so* / *such* strong accents that they're a bit hard to understand, but my teacher speaks (5) *so* / *such* clearly that I understand everything he says. When I come home, my English will be (6) *so* / *such* good that you won't believe it!

See you soon,  
Jasmine



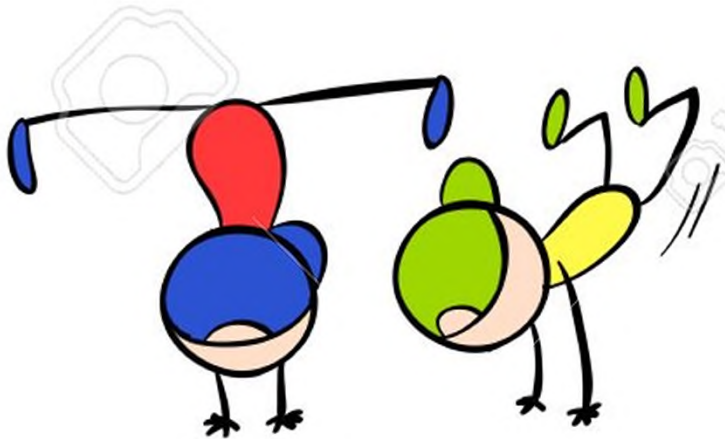
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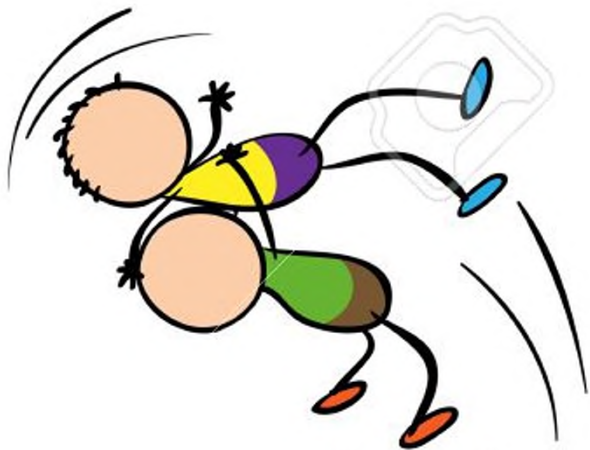


breakdance



skating





wrestling