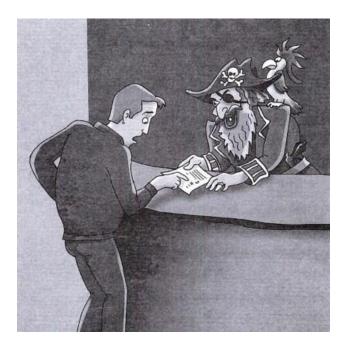
Renting a Car



RENTING A CAR

Peter talks to Sam at the rental car counter about renting a car. Sam tells Peter about a special offer they're having and helps him understand how the rental fees work.

Sam: Hello. How can I help you?

Peter: I'd like to rent a car for the weekend.

Sam: What size did you have in mind?

Peter: I'd like your cheapest car, so I guess that would be a compact.

Sam: We're *running a special* right now. You can rent a mid-size car for the same price as a compact. It's \$55 a day *inclusive of* tax, plus insurance. It's <u>such</u> a great deal!

Peter: Okay, I'll take it.

Sam: All right. Let me just print out the agreement ... Here you go, *read that over*, please.

Peter: I *can't make heads or tails of* this information. Do I really need insurance? I already have a good auto insurance plan.

Sam: Then you' re probably *all set*. I do recommend the collision damage waiver.* It's only \$10 a day. That way, if you *bang up* the car, you won't owe us anything.

Peter: I'm sure I won't have an accident, but I'll take it just in case.

Sam: Very good. If you don't return the car with a full tank of gas, we charge \$9 a gallon to refill it.

Peter: Nine bucks a gallon? That's so expensive. It's highway robbery!

Sam: Be sure to return the car by 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Peter: Five? That's going to be *cutting it close*. The conference I'm attending ends at 4:30. What if I get it here at 6 on Sunday?

Sam: It'll be another \$65.

Peter: There's no grace period?

Sam: There's a 29 minute grace period. So you could return the car at 5 :29 and still be okay.

Peter: Okay, thanks. You've been such a big help.

Sam: You're very welcome. Here's the key. The car is in space A4. You're good to go.

* collision damage waiver - with this optional coverage, the car rental company cannot hold the customer responsible for any damage to the car

Language Lens: So and Such

So and **such** are both used to express extremes. They are often used in exclamations (and they are **so** useful!).

So

=> Use "so" before an adjective (without a noun)

=> Use "so" before an adverb

Examples with so:

- Andy is so good at tennis! NOT: Andy is so good tennis player!
- Angela's baby is so cute!
- Jay's new painting is so beautiful. He's so talented!
- P Your house is so beautiful.
- That was so kind of you!
- John works so hard.
- Kristen looked so lovely in her wedding dress.

Such

=> Use "such" before an adjective + noun => Use "such" before a noun

Note that when the noun is singular, "a" or "an" comes after "such."

Examples with such:

- ^D That was such a scary movie! NOT: That was so scary movie!
- That's such a cute baby!
- ² You are such a good friend.
- Phil is such a hard worker.
- You prepared such a delicious meal.
- This project is such a headache!
- Why do you carry such heavy bags?

Quick Quiz

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

- 1. Emily is _____ a nice girl. I love babysitting for her.
- ₀ [©] a)so
- o **b**)such
- 2. The movie was _____ boring that I could barely stay awake.
- 。 ^O a)so
- o **b**)such
- 3. The flight was _____ long that I thought we'd never get there.
- 。 ^o a)so
- o **b**)such
- 4. If you study for it, the TOEFL is not _____ a difficult exam.
- 。 ^o a)so
- o **b**)such
- 5. People in our office leave leftovers in the refrigerator for months. It's _____ gross!
- 。 ^O a)so
- o **b**)such