So and such exercises

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. The explanation was ___ clear that I understood immediately.

such / so / such a

My answer: _____

2. It was ___ useful example that I saved it.

so / such / such a

My answer: _____

3. She spoke ___ quietly that the group could not hear her.

so / such / such a

My answer: _____

4. There were ___ many messages and ___ much noise that I lost focus.

so / so / such / so / so / such

My answer: _____

5. We received ___ helpful advice that we changed the plan.

such a / so / such

My answer: _____

6. It was ___ an interesting talk that nobody left.

too / such / so

My answer: _____

7. She spoke ___ quietly that I could hardly hear.

so / such / enough

My answer: _____

8. There were ___ many people that we could not enter.

such / enough / so

My answer: _____

9. They are ___ helpful people.

too / such / so

My answer: _____

10. Choose the correct sentence.

The room was so cold that we wore coats. / The room was such cold that we wore coats. / The room was so a cold that we wore coats.

My answer: _____

Answer key & explanations

1. **so** — Clear is an adjective without a following noun, so the pattern is so clear.

2. **such a** — Example is a singular countable noun. The complete noun phrase is a useful example, introduced by such.

3. **so** — Quietly is an adverb describing spoke. So modifies the adverb.

4. **so / so** — Use so before both many and much in quantity expressions: so many messages; so much noise.

5. **such** — Advice is uncountable. Use such helpful advice without a or an; so helpful advice does not fit this pattern.

6. **such** — Use such before a noun phrase: such an interesting talk.

7. **so** — Use so before an adverb such as quietly.

8. **so** — Use so with many, much, few and little when expressing this degree.

9. **such** — Such modifies the adjective plus plural noun phrase helpful people.

10. **The room was so cold that we wore coats.** — So modifies the adjective cold; there is no following noun phrase requiring such.