

UNIT 26

such... that, not only ... (but) also

1. 'such... that' is used when a statement made in the first part of a sentence is supported by the second part of the sentence.

Example A

It was a very cold day. Everyone stayed indoors.

Answer

It was **such** a cold day **that** everyone stayed indoors.

NOTE:

'such' in the answer replaces 'very'. In this case, both words have similar meaning.

Example B

We dislike working with Debra because she is so bossy.

Answer

Debra is **such** a bossy person **that** we dislike working with her.

NOTE:

'because' is left out in the answer as 'such... that' replaces it in the answer. The word 'person' is included in the answer to make up the noun phrase 'a bossy person'. Without 'person', the answer would be incorrect.

2. 'not only... (but) also' is used when two or more attributes of a subject is mentioned. The second (or final) attribute mentioned emphasizes the first. It is usually indicated when the word 'but' is needed in a sentence.

Example C

The new television set is sleek. The new television set is modern.

Answer 1

The new television set is **not only** sleek, **but also** modern.

Answer 2

Not only is the television sleek, it is **also** modern.

NOTE:

'not only... (but) also' can be used in the middle of a sentence or at the beginning. If 'but' is needed in the answer (as in the case of Answer 1), it is usually already placed in the answer by the teacher.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. Nick took my book without permission. Nick threw my book into the pond.
 _____ not only _____ but also _____

2. The windscreen of the car was smashed by the gangsters. They slashed the tyres too.
 Not only _____ also _____

3. Fido could not get out of the backyard. Mr Wee erected a tall fence.
 _____ such _____ that _____

4. The day was so warm nobody wanted to leave the air-conditioned room.
 _____ such _____ that _____

- *5. Everyone agreed with the minister because he spoke in a very impressive manner.
 _____ such _____ that _____

6. The donuts from that shop are fresh, tasty and cheap.
 _____ not only _____ also _____

7. Dexter's wicked ways lost him his friends. Dexter's wicked ways lost him his family.
 _____ not only _____ but also _____

8. All of us remembered Mrs Ng. She made a great impact in our lives.
 _____ such _____ that _____

9. Alvin was so notorious in school that none of us wanted to be his friend.
 _____ such _____ that _____

- *10. Colina is a wonderful actress and sings beautifully too.
 _____ not only _____ but also _____