

EXPRESSING CAUSE AND RESULT IN SPOKEN ENGLISH

We often use *so* + adjective + a result in spoken English. For example:

*The music was **so loud (that)** we had to shout to make ourselves heard!*

*The wine was **so awful (that)** I had one sip and had to spit it out!*

1 Match the two parts of these sentences.

- 1 It was so cold
- 2 I was so angry
- 3 The film was so bad
- 4 I was so hungry
- 5 I was so tired
- 6 He was so boring
- 7 I was so worried
- 8 It was so hot

- a that people were fainting on the underground!
- b I just couldn't stop myself from yawning!
- c I rang the police!
- d I didn't even stop to Instagram the meal!
- e I fell asleep in the middle of a meeting!
- f that I honestly could've killed him!
- g that the river froze over for the first time in years!
- h that we walked out after hour an hour!

2 Spend one minute memorising the sentences. Then work in pairs.

Student A: read 1-8.

Student B: cover the exercise. Say the exact words in a-h.

Next, change roles.

3 Think of two other possible results for each of the causes in 1-8.

e.g. ***It was so cold** my hands felt like they were going to fall off!*

4 Work in pairs. Complete these conversations with ideas of your own.

- 1 So how was that place you went to the other night?
> Terrible! The music was so loud
- 2 What was the food like in that place you went to the other night?
> Dreadful! Honestly, it was so bad
- 3 How did the interview go?
> Not that well, actually. I got so nervous