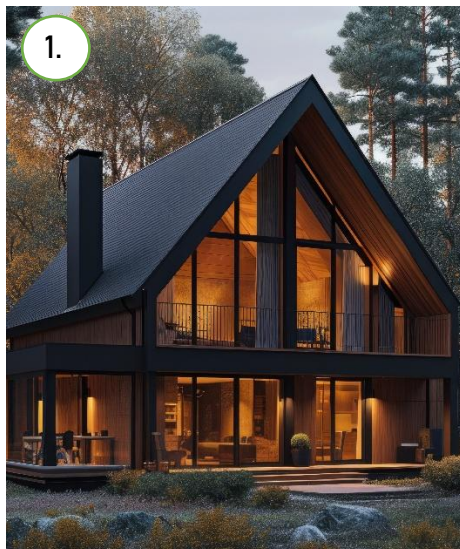


Discussing Personal Tastes

1. Look at the houses and ask and answer the questions below with a partner.



- If you had to live in one of these houses, which would you choose and why?
- Are there any houses here that you think are ugly? Why don't you like them?
- Which house looks the cheapest, and which looks the most expensive?
- What does your house or apartment look like? Do you like how it looks?
- What would your dream house or apartment look like, and where would it be?

2. Rank the houses above from 1 to 6 (1 = most beautiful, 6 = ugliest) and compare your list with your partner.



3. Read the conversation between a man and a woman trying to decide which house from exercise 1 to buy, then make 5 sentences about who likes which house and why.

Troy: I really want to buy the castle, it's *so* cool! I love old buildings like that.

Rachel: I'm sorry but no, the castle is my least favourite! It's *so* creepy and old, and it's in the middle of nowhere!

Troy: True, it is a long way from the city. The one with the black roof was nice, but that's a long way from the city too, so I guess that's out. Ok, which one do you want to buy?

Rachel: I'd like the 3-storey house with a pool and a garage, it's *so* beautiful!

Troy: I'm sorry but that one is way too expensive, and I would hate having *such* huge windows like that in the middle of the city. There would be no privacy! And besides, I like something a little more traditional.

Rachel: Like the white house with the weird roof? I'm sorry, but in my opinion that is *such* an ugly house. It's really not my style.

Troy: No, not that one, I like that one but it's quite weird. I think my second favourite was the little cottage, it was *so* cozy inside!

Rachel: That was *such* a tiny house! I would go crazy living in a house that size, I need space! And besides, we want to get a dog, and that place is too small for a dog.

Troy: It wouldn't be *so* bad, I think it could be fun to live in a cute place like that.

Rachel: I'm sorry but no. What about the one with leaves all over it and a cute little balcony. That's more traditional, so more your style, and I liked it too.

Troy: That one was nice... Ok yes, I could agree to that, I thought that place was pretty cool, and it has *such* a nice balcony.



For example: *"Rachel doesn't like house number 5 because it's creepy and old."*

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

So vs Such

'So' and 'such' can both be used to make a statement stronger, but there is a difference between them. 'So' is used before an adjective *without* a noun after it.

For example: "New York is amazing, it is so cool!" (no noun after 'cool').

'Such' is used when there is a noun after the adjective.

For example: "New York is amazing, it is such a cool city!" (the noun 'city' is after 'cool').



4. Complete the sentences using 'so' or 'such.'

- a) She speaks quickly that I can't understand her.
- b) It's hot outside today that I don't want to leave the house.
- c) They live in a lovely house near the lake.
- d) The kitchen was messy I had to clean it for 2 hours.
- e) It was a beautiful day that we went to the park.
- f) Their house is modern, everything is controlled by smart devices.
- g) The pasta was spicy that I couldn't finish it.
- h) She has good taste in music
- i) It was a peaceful little cottage in the countryside.
- j) Their house has a unique style, I love their taste.



5. Look at the sofas and say which you like and which you don't like. Try to use 'so' and 'such' in your description.





6. Troy and Rachel are discussing which sofa to buy. Read the conversation and make sentences below.

Troy: I love the purple leather sofa, I think it's really funky and would look great in our living room.

Rachel: The purple leather one? Really? I'm sorry but I think it's *pretty* ugly.

Troy: Oh, that's a shame. What about the other purple one? I think that one is *quite* nice.

Rachel: I'm sorry, I'm just not a big fan of purple in general. What about the brown leather one?

Troy: I think it would look nice in another house, but I think it looks too fancy for our house. On top of that, it's *pretty* expensive. What about the smaller brown one?

Rachel: Oh, that's my least favourite, it reminds me of a sofa I had in university, and it's *pretty* uncomfortable. My two favourites are the red one and the green one, but it's *quite* hard to decide between them.

Troy: Oh, that's quite an easy choice for me, I hate light green, it's my least favourite colour. Did you find the red one comfortable?

Rachel: Yeah, it's *quite* comfortable, and it's *pretty* cheap as well.

Troy: Ok, let's get that one!

For example: *"Troy likes the purple leather sofa because he thinks it's funky."*

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Pretty and Quite

'Pretty' and 'quite' mean the same thing, and both make a statement softer, and are placed before an adjective.

- For example: *"I think the purple sofa is pretty cool."* (softer)
"I think the purple sofa is cool." (middle)
"I think the purple sofa is really cool." (stronger)



7. Write sentences about the clothes saying if you like them or not. Try to use 'so', 'such', 'quite', and 'pretty.'



For example: "I like his leather jacket, it looks pretty good."

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