Adverb Clauses of Result

Adverb clauses of result with such---that and so---that present the result of a situation that is stated in the first clause.

Adverb clauses of result are introduced by:

- **Such + noun or noun phrase + that + clause of result**
  - The subways were such a mess that people hated to ride them.

- **So + adjective + that + clause of result**
  - The shoe brand became so popular that sales went through the roof in only a few short months.

- **So + adverb + that + clause of result**
  - The flu spread so quickly that 50 percent of Manhattanties were sick by the end of the week.

**So** is also used before many, few, much, and little.

- **So + much/little + uncountable noun + that + clause of result.**
  - Rachel Carson's book, Silent Spring, brought so much attention to the dangers of pollution that the modern environmental protection movement was born.

- **So + many/few + count noun + that + clause of result.**
  - Carson exposed so many environmental dangers that the government began to scrutinize the chemical industry.
✓ Check your understanding. Follow the example.

I caught a fish.

It was so big that I needed a truck to take it home.

I watched a TV show.

It was such an exciting show that I didn’t breathe for 30 minutes.

Now make your own.

1. I had a nightmare.
   It . . . (scary) ________________________________

2. We took a test.
   It . . . (easy) ________________________________

3. I went on a hike.
   It . . . (long hike) ____________________________

4. I saw a tall man.
   He . . . (tall) ________________________________

5. I ate some spicy food.
   It . . . (hot) ________________________________
6. I met a skinny woman.
She... (skinny) __________________________________________

Complete the following sentences using so, such, and that:

1- The Robinsons are a very popular dance group. They get ______ a positive reception ______ that they always get invited to come back at every party they join.

2- It is very hard to reach the party on time. That’s only because the snow is ______ deep ______ no vehicle can move through it.

3- The performances are ______ enjoyable ______ everyone in the audience is soon tapping their feet or clapping with the music.

4- Everyone had ______ a good time ______ they didn’t want the show to end.

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Read the following questions. Use the cue in parentheses and complete their answers using such, so, and that

1- How popular were Hush Puppies in the fall of 1995?
   • (popular shoes ) They were ____________ the famous designer Calvin Klein asked his models to wear them in his fashion shows.

2- Did Rachel Carson’s book, Silent Spring, really educate people about the dangerous chemical called DDT?
   • (few) Clearly it did. Before her book come out, _____________ Americans understood DDT __________ no one worried about it.

3- Is the Internet a powerful tool to make ideas tip?
   • (powerful tool) Absolutely. The Internet is _____________ connectors can use the Internet to spread infectious ideas with a single e-mail.

4- How anonymous was William Dawes in Boston right before the start of the Revolutionary War?
• (anonymous) William Dawes was _______________ no one listened to his warnings of the British invasion.

5- How influential was Kelling’s “broken windows theory”?
• (influential theory) Well, it was _______________ the mayor based his crime strategy completely on Kelling’s ideas.

6- Is yawning contagious?
• (contagious) Believe it or not, it is _______________ if you start to yawn, it is likely that the person next to you will yawn, and soon everyone in the room will be yawning.

7- Was the first Yale University tetanus shot campaign a success?
• (a failure) Unfortunately, the first one wasn’t. It was _______________ only 20 out of 2,000 students got inoculated.

8- How strongly does the CEO of Gore and Associates feel about the “Rule of 150”?
• (strongly) Obviously he feels _______________ about it _______________ each Gore-tex factory has only 150 parking spaces. When cars begin to park on the grass, the company builds a new factory. Gore has 15 factories all within a 12-mile area.

Best of luck