# Fronting and Emphasis Worksheet: Do, Such, So, What

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## Remember

| Form | Example |
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| **Emphatic do / does / did + base verb** | I did lock the door, I promise. |
| **Fronting: object, complement or adjective + as** | That film I will never forget. Strange as it seems, I agree. |
| **So + adjective + was... that · Such + be + noun + that** | So loud was the music that... Such was the demand that... |
| **the very · whatever · at all · ever** | That's the very thing I needed. Why ever did you do that? |

## Typical mistakes

| × Learners often say | ✓ Say instead |
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| **I did locked the door.** | I did lock the door. |
| **Such was loud the music that we left.** | So loud was the music that we left. / Such was the noise that we left. |
| **Strange as it seem, I like it.** | Strange as it seems / may seem, I like it. |

## 1. Rewrite

*Rewrite each sentence to add emphasis, starting with the words given.*

1. I really like your dress. (emphatic do) → I _____
2. The demand was so high that tickets sold out in minutes. → Such _____
3. I was so tired that I fell asleep at dinner. → So _____
4. Although it seems strange, I miss my old job. → Strange _____
5. I will never forget that day. (front the object) → That day _____
6. This is exactly the book I was looking for. → This is the very _____
7. She called, as she had promised. (emphatic do) → She _____
8. Although he tried hard, he couldn't open the door. → Try _____

## 2. Choose

*Circle the correct option.*

1. I (do / am) understand your point, but I disagree.
2. (Such / So) was his talent that he won every prize.
3. (So / Such) beautiful was the view that we stayed for hours.
4. Much (as I like / as I liked) him, I can't trust him.
5. Why (ever / even) did you say that?
6. That's the (very / exact) moment I fell in love with the city.
7. He (did try / tried did) to warn us.
8. Tired (as / so) she was, she finished the report.

## 3. Correct the mistakes

*Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.*

1. She does knows the answer.
2. Such was strong the wind that trees fell.
3. Hard as she tried, but she failed.
4. I did enjoyed the concert.
5. So was the noise loud that we left.
6. Much as I like him, but I won't lend him money.

## Writing

Write a passionate review (6–7 sentences) of a book, film, concert or restaurant. Use at least four emphatic structures from this sheet.

## Speaking

- Tell me about something you do enjoy, even though people don't expect it.
- Describe a moment when you were so happy, tired or scared that you couldn't think.
- Much as you love your city, what would you change?
- What is the very first thing you do every morning?

### Answer key

**1. Rewrite:** 1 I do like your dress. · 2 Such was the demand that tickets sold out in minutes. · 3 So tired was I that I fell asleep at dinner. · 4 Strange as it may seem, I miss my old job. · 5 That day I will never forget. · 6 This is the very book I was looking for. · 7 She did call, as she had promised. · 8 Try as he might, he couldn't open the door.

**2. Choose:** 1 do · 2 Such · 3 So · 4 as I like · 5 ever · 6 very · 7 did try · 8 as

**3. Correct the mistakes:** 1 She does know the answer. · 2 So strong was the wind that trees fell. / Such was the wind that trees fell. · 3 Hard as she tried, she failed. · 4 I did enjoy the concert. · 5 So loud was the noise that we left. · 6 Much as I like him, I won't lend him money.

**Writing, model answer:** I did not expect much from this small restaurant, but I was wrong. Such was the quality of the food that we booked again for the next night. So good was the lamb that my brother, who never eats meat, finished his plate. Simple as the menu is, every dish is perfect. The owner does care about every detail. That chocolate tart I will never forget. It was the very best meal of our trip.