

10 Our Earth Is Sick

Determiners – so much / so many

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Grammar Explained

- a) We use **'so much'** and **'so many'** to talk about a very large number of things. We use **'so much'** with uncountable nouns and **'so many'** with countable nouns.

Ⓒ = countable noun Ⓐ = uncountable noun

There is **so much** sand Ⓐ on the beach.

There are **so many** jellyfish Ⓒ in the sea.

- b) We can put **'so much'** and **'so many'** before nouns. We can also put **'so much'** and **'so many'** at the beginning of sentences.

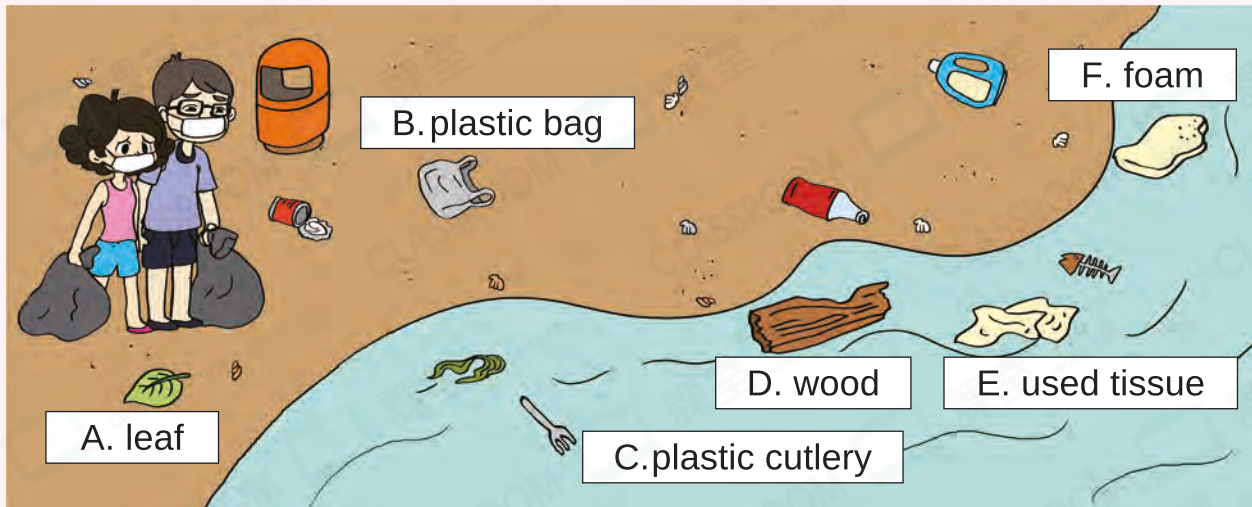
Having a long bath wastes **so much** water. Ⓐ

The supermarket gives out **so many** plastic bags. Ⓒ

So much smoke Ⓐ is emitted from the factory.

So many customers Ⓒ complained about the food.

A Mr and Mrs Kim have joined the Beach Cleaning Day. Look at the picture and write the correct letters in the boxes.



Countable nouns

Uncountable nouns

B Connie and her classmates find different kinds of pollution in the country park. Fill in the blanks with the given words.

so much

so many

1. _____
noise

2. _____
plastic forks

3. _____
dirty water

4. _____
leftover food

5. _____
empty bottles

6. _____
paper plates

7. _____
smoke

8. _____
barbecue charcoal

9. _____
plastic tablecloths



10. _____ used
barbecue forks



C Connie is sharing some tips on environmental protection with her classmates. Complete her presentation with 'so much' or 'so many'.

Our Earth is sick. We can help look after the Earth in the following ways:

First, we should use less. We use ① _____ disposable products, including plastic forks, plates and cups. We should bring our own utensils and water bottles. We use ② _____ tissues too. Instead, we can use our own facecloths.

Second, we have to save more and waste less. We waste  ③ _____ energy. To save electricity, we should turn off the air-conditioners and lights when we don't use them. We waste  ④ _____ paper too. We should write on both sides of a piece of paper. ⑤ _____ water is wasted. We shouldn't leave the taps on.



Lastly, we should recycle. We throw away ⑥ _____ cans, pieces of paper and plastic bottles every month. We should put them in the recycling bins. ⑦ _____ people do not sort their rubbish. It doesn't take much time but it can help protect the environment.



Proofreading



D Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

1. So many poor person do not have enough food to eat.  1. _____
2. However, there is still so many food wasted every day. 2. _____
3. Actually, there are many easy way to solve this problem. 3. _____
4. For instance, do not order so much dishes at the restaurant if you cannot finish them all. By ordering less, 4. _____
5. you can save much moneys and reduce waste. There 5. _____
6. are so much we can do to help, why not begin now?  6. _____



Daily Life Grammar

E Mrs Kim is reading a webpage about environmental problems. Complete the webpage with the help of the given words.

so much
so many

coal electricity fumes noise paper
plastic products resources time water

Healing Our Sick Earth

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address <http://www.environmentalprotectionunit.org.hk>

We are harming the environment in many ways:

- We use ① _____ from our Earth, including trees, water and coal.
 - We use ② _____ each day so many trees are cut down. Write on both sides of a piece of paper.
 - ③ _____ is wasted when we have baths. Let's have showers for a shorter period.
 - We use ④ _____. Turn off the electrical appliances when they are not in use.
- Various types of pollution are making the Earth sick as well.
 - Factories burn ⑤ _____ to produce electricity. They give out 🧊 ⑥ _____ that pollute the air.
 - The traffic on the road creates ⑦ _____ and it causes noise pollution.
 - Out of convenience, we use ⑧ _____ but they can cause serious land pollution. It takes 🧊 ⑨ _____ for a plastic bottle to degrade—450 years to be exact!

Our Earth is dying so we need to change our bad habits and act fast.

The Earth is feeling very blue. How we can help is up to you!

