

Too v. So

The following revision is taken from the dissertation of a Japanese-speaking student of Finance

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On discussion, the student chose the structure **so - that**, which is practised by the following exercise based on authentic citations:

Match the following half-sentences. The first match is **A- H** ('Aspirin is so familiar that many doctors and patients still don't fully recognise its importance.'). Can you find the others?

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| A | Aspirin is so familiar that | A | they caught fire due to friction |
| B | The predictions are so vague that | B | many are on the verge of giving up. |
| C | Morale among teachers is so low that | C | he uses a stepladder to paint them. |
| D | 'Big Science' is now so expensive that | D | nothing can escape it, not even light. |
| E | Human society is now so complex that | E | governments can no longer shoulder the cost alone. |
| F | Windmills turned so fast in the wind that | F | prudent Warsawians don't drink tap-water even when it's boiled |
| G | The mass of brown dwarfs is so small that | G | you can make them fit almost any explanation you care to devise. |
| H | Heavy-metal pollution in the Vistula is so bad that | H | many doctors and patients still don't fully recognise its importance. |

I A black hole is a collapsed star whose gravity is so great that

J Over the years he has produced a series of canvases so large that

I what students need is to be taught the "how" rather than the "what" of information.

J they never get hot enough to burn hydrogen in their cores, and never become fully fledged stars.

[Key](#) to exercise

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