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## such, *adj.* and *pron.*

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**Pronunciation:** Brit. /sʌtʃ/, U.S. /sətʃ/

**Forms:** Illustration of Forms. **1.** ...

**Frequency (in current use):**

**Etymology:** Old English *swelc*, *swilc*, *swylc*, corresponding to Old Frisian *sellich*, *-ik*, ...

Signification.

*Such* is a demonstrative word used to indicate the quality or quantity of a thing by reference to that of another or with respect to the effect that it produces or is capable of producing. Thus, syntactically, *such* may have backward or forward reference; in the uses of branch I it has the former, in those of branch II mainly the latter.

The use of *such* and *such a* in the attributive position is illustrated in detail only in sense 1, but the same rules apply to the *adj.* generally; for special uses see branch IV.

### I.

**1.** Of the character, degree, or extent described, referred to, or implied in what has been said.

**a.** with sing. n.

(a) With a concrete noun, or an abstract noun used in a particularized sense; now superseded by *such a* (see 1a(c) below) except *poet.*

- 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 189 Hwa lyfde þe þæt þu swylce scylde gefremedest?  
 a1122 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) ann. 1087 Hwam ne mæg earmian swylcere tide?  
 a1250 *Owl & Night.* (Jesus Oxf.) 1496 Hw may þer eny luue beo, Hwar such mon gropeþ hire þeo?  
 c1275 (▷ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 2703 To swulche forward we beoð hidere isende.  
 c1385 CHAUCER *Legend Good Women* Prol. 474, To be war from falsenesse & from vice By swich ensauple.  
 a1400 (▷ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Trin. Cambr.) l. 4379 Whoso bigynne wol siche þing him owe to þinke on þe endyng.  
 1589 G. PUTTENHAM *Arte Eng. Poesie* II. viii. 67 If one should rime to this word [*Restore*] he may not match him with [*Doore*]..such rime is strained.  
 1646 R. CRASHAW *Sospetto d'Herode* li, in *Steps to Temple* 68 She thinkes not fit such he her face should see.  
 1749 JOHNSON *Vanity Human Wishes* 23 Such Age there is, and who could wish its End?  
 1805 WORDSWORTH *Elegiac Stanzas* 30 Such Picture would I at that time have made.  
 1842 MACAULAY *Horatius* l, Was none who would be foremost To lead such dire attack.  
 a1849 T. L. BEDDOES *Dream-pedlary* ii, in *Poems* (1851) I. 185 Such pearl from Life's fresh crown Fain would I shake me down.

(b) With an abstract noun used in a general sense.

- 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 85 Ne us næfre swylce ege ne wearþ..geendebyrded.  
 c1100 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (MS. F) ann. 995 Hi wurðan ða swyðe bliþe þurh swilce wissunge.  
 c1275 *Sinners Beware* 171 in *Old Eng. Misc.* 77 From suche lecherye Heo schule to helle cume.  
 ?a1366 *Romaunt Rose* 697 Than wist I..That ydelnesse me serued well That me putte in sich Iolite.  
 c1460 *Emare* 626 Be stulle, syr,..Lette syche mornynge bene.  
 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) 2 Sam. xiii. 12 Do not thou soch foly.  
 1590 SPENSER *Faerie Queene* III. i. sig. Cc4, Such loue is hate, and such desire is shame.  
 1700 DRYDEN *Flower & Leaf* in *Fables* 386 Such Joy my Soul, such Pleasures fill'd my Sight.  
 1777 E. BURKE *Corr.* (1844) II. 158 Such partiality to his endeavours.  
 1801 M. EDGEWORTH *Prussian Vase* in *Moral Tales* III. 32, I little thought you would so soon be in want of them.  
 1844 E. B. BROWNING *Lost Bower* xxxix, She never sings such music.

(c) **such a**: see (a). (Cf. German *solch ein*.)

- c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 9422 For 3et næt hit neoder..þat of Vðere Pendragune scal arisen swilc a sune.
- c1290 *Beket* 1255 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 142 He þonkede god þat swuch a prelat under him moste beo.
- 13.. *Bonaventura's Medit.* 813 Þere was neuer womman bare swyche a chylde.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 42 Ther may noman finde The rihte salve of such a Sor.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) Prol. 3 Righte wel oughte us for..to drede and serven suche a Lord.
- c1500 *Melusine* (1895) 360 Sayeng þat neuer tofore they herd of suche a thing.
- 1606 G. CHAPMAN *Gentleman Vsher* II. sig. C, Now such a huddle and kettle neuer was.
- 1664 S. BUTLER *Hudibras: Second Pt.* II. ii. 128 Else when we put it to the push, They had not giv'n us such a brush.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 23. ¶2 He does not believe any the most Comick Genius can censure him for talking upon such a Subject at such a Time.
- 1821 SCOTT *Kenilworth* II. x. 264 Thou didst ill to speak to such a man of such matters.
- 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. 436 The Prince declared that to avert the horrors of such a persecution was one of his chief objects.

†(d) **a such**. (Cf. French *un tel*, German *ein solcher*.)

- a1240 *Sawles Warde* in *Old Eng. Hom.* I. 251 To a swuch bale.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 379 Lute wonder it was þat strange men in is owe lond dude a such trespas.
- 1307 *Elegy on Edw. I* ix, Wel longe we mowe clepe & crie, Er we a such kyng han y-founde!

**b.** with pl. n.

- a950 *Boeth. Metr.* x. 55 Se [hlisa] is eac to lytel swelcra lariowa.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 157 Swiche teres scedde M. Magdalene þa heo wosch ure drihtenes fet.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 154 Þat water of baþe is þat on þat euere is iliche hot... Swiche baþes þer beþ fale.
- c1390 ( ▶ a1376) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Vernon) (1867) A. Prol. 32 Summe chosen Chaffare to cheeuen þe bettere, As hit semeþ to vre siht þat suche men scholden.
- 1393 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* C. I. 64 Bote holy churche & charite choppe a-down swich shryuers.
- a1425 [see β. forms].
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) Rom. ii. 2 That the iudgement of God is accordyng to trueth, agaynst them which commit soche thynges.
- 1579 S. GOSSON *Schoole of Abuse* f. 12, The abuse of such places was so great that [etc.].
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* VI. 401 Such high advantages thir innocence Gave them above thir foes.
- 1725 I. WATTS *Logick* 332 Such indirect and remote arguments may also be sometimes used to confirm a proposition which has been before proved by arguments more direct and immediate.
- 1808 SCOTT *Marmion* I. xxvi. 48, I love such holy rambles.
- 1881 ST. G. MIVART *Cat* 128 Some muscles attached to a long bone which is relatively fixed at one end, tend to make it describe..a movement of circumduction. Such muscles are termed Rotators.
- 1892 M. OLIPHANT *Hist. Sketch Queen Anne* (1894) vi. 304 [He] was..indignant with the highflyers for expressing such opinions.

**2.** Standing predicatively at the beginning of a sentence or clause, and referring summarily to a statement or description just made.

In Middle English **such is** (+ inf.) often = This is what it is (to be, etc.). **such is life!** (see LIFE *n.* Phrases 9c).

- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 8675 Such it is to be ssrewe.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 11736 Suich was þe morþre of einessham, uor bataile non it nas.
- c1320 *Cast. Love* 1161 Such beo þe duntles of batayle þat he þolede for vs.

- a1330 *Roland & V.* 75 Þai toke him þe letter & kist his hand, Swiche was þe lawe of þe land.
- c1381 CHAUCER *Parl. Foules* 570 Lo sich it is to haue a tunge loos.
- c1405 ( ▶ c1387–95) CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 487 And swich he was proued ofte sythes.
- a1500 ( ▶ ?c1450) *Merlin* (1899) xxxii. 632 Soche was the a-vision that I saugh in my slepe.
- 1567 W. PAINTER *Palace of Pleasure* II. xxix. f. 321, Such was y<sup>e</sup> desires of these two Louers.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* IV, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 143 He first, and close behind him follow'd she, For such was Proserpine's severe Decree.
- 1716 POPE tr. Homer *Iliad* II. VIII. 595 For such is Fate, nor can'st thou turn its Course.
- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* IV. 197 Such these animals appeared when brought into Europe.
- 1818 SCOTT *Heart of Mid-Lothian* iii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 2nd Ser. III. 75 The Lady..did not..ring a bell, because such was not the fashion of the time, but she whistled on a silver-call.
- 1837 J. G. LOCKHART *Mem. Life Scott* I. vi. 178 Such was the germ of the magnificent library and museum of Abbotsford.
- 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* III. xi. 71 His Majesty,—such was now the language of too many Anglican divines,—would have been [etc.].
- 1864 DICKENS *Our Mutual Friend* (1865) I. i. ii. 6 With a mournful air—as who should say, 'Here is another wretched creature come to dinner; such is life!'
- 1890 A. CONAN DOYLE *White Company* v, At the end of a year he would be free to return to the cloisters, for such had been his father's bequest.
- 1896 *Law Q. Rev.* July 201 If such be the law, we are pretty sure it is not the law Parliament intended to make.

**3.** Of the same kind or class as something mentioned or referred to; of that kind; similar, the like. *Obs.* or *arch.*, exc. in collocation with a numeral, indef. adj., etc. (see V.).

- c1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 45 Mid þese þre lokes..and mid swiche weldede.
- c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 3272 Æuere he þohte embe uuel and swulche weoren his dede.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* III. 312 Anon was mad a cofre sich.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) xix. 205 A Pipe or a Penne or suche a thing.
- c1450 *Two Cookery Bks.* 83 Take faire peces of paynmain, or elles of such tendur brede.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Merchant of Venice* IV. i. 96 Let their beds be made as soft as yours, and let their pallats be seasond with such viands.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Sonnets* liv. sig. D4, The Canker bloomes haue full as deepe a die, As the perfumed tincture of the Roses, Hang on such thornes, and play as wantonly.
- 1616 W. BROWNE *Britannia's Pastorals* II. i. 12 Of Rotchets, Whittings, or such common fish.
- 1697 W. DAMPIER *New Voy. around World* v. 97 Penguins..are a Sea Fowl, about as big as a Duck, and such Feet.
- 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 698/1 The protractor is a small semicircle of brass, or such solid matter.
- 1796 E. INCHBALD *Nature & Art* (1820) xi. 27 You *are* my father—you have just such eyes, and such a forehead.
- 1829 SCOTT *Anne of Geierstein* I. vii. 186 Fustian, hides, peltry, and such ordinary articles.

**4.** Equivalent to a descriptive adj. or adv. on which it follows closely and the repetition of which is thus avoided. (Cf. 22)

*So* is now preferred.

- c897 K. ÆLFRED tr. Gregory *Pastoral Care* xvi. 101 Hu he wolde ðæt mon him miltsode gif he suelc wære.
- ?c1225 ( ▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 154 Sulliche Ma3en heo seggen þe findeð swich þe taile.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 51 'Ich habbe a to kuead heued.' And he zayþ zoþ, uor he heþ hit zuych ymad.
- c1400 N. LOVE tr. Bonaventura *Mirror Life Christ* (1908) 58 They wolde not be seyn suche in other mennes si3t.
- c1405 ( ▶ c1387–95) CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 315 Discreet he was and of greet reuerence He semed swich.

- 1590 SPENSER *Faerie Queene* III. VII. sig. Ii4<sup>v</sup>, [He] rather ioyd to bee, then seemen sich.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* III. 100 Such I created all th' Ethereal Powers And Spirits.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* V. 521 That thou art happie, owe to God; That thou continu'st such, owe to thy self.
- 1697 DRYDEN *Ded. Æneis* in tr. Virgil *Wks.* sig. a1, A Heroick Poem, truly such.
- 1825 SCOTT *Talisman* xv, in *Tales Crusaders* IV. 325 The pointless lances of the preceding day were certainly no longer such.
- 1866 C. KINGSLEY *Hereward the Wake* I. ix. 214 Robert, who thought himself as good as his brother (though he was not such, save in valour).

## 5. The previously described or specified; the (person or thing) before mentioned.

In this sense *such* (not *such a*) is usual with a sing. n.

- a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Trin. Cambr.) l. 10869 Þou shal conceyue a childe & bere..And his name shal þou iesu calle... Suche wordes were seide to marie.
- 1452 in *Rep. Royal Comm. Hist. MSS: Var. Coll.* (1907) IV. 201 Unto the tyme they have founde suerte of ther gode beringe; and yf they fynde not suche suerte [etc.].
- 1491 in J. T. Fowler *Chartularium Abbatihæ de Novo Monasterio* (1875) 252 If eny..recouere happyn agenste eny of y<sup>e</sup> said partiez..y<sup>t</sup> partie..ayenst whome sich recouere is had [etc.].
- 1551 J. WILLIAMS *Acct. Monastic Treasures* (1836) 1 All and singuler souche Redye money.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* v. 26 Such whispering wak'd her.
- 1680 in N. Bouton *Provinc. Papers New-Hampsh.* (1867) I. 388 If any Christian..shall speak contempteously of the Holy Scriptures..such person or persons shall be punished.
- 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 698/2 Any number of inches,..with any part of an inch, can be taken.., providing such part be greater than the one hundredth part of an inch.
- 1818 W. CRUISE *Digest Laws Eng. Real Prop.* (ed. 2) VI. 332 For default of such issue, viz. that issue which is before mentioned.
- 1828 *Moore's Pract. Navigator* (ed. 20) 120 As ships never run such dist[ance] in 24 hours.
- 1835 T. CARLYLE *Let.* 4 June in *Coll. Lett. T. & J. W. Carlyle* (1981) VIII. 136 My true wish is that such creed may long hold compactly together in you.
- 1878 *Act 41 & 42 Vict.* c. 53 §2 A gratuity awarded..to any clerk shall be estimated according to the period during which such clerk has served.

## II. Where the meaning is determined by reference to a correlative or subord. clause.

### 6.

**a.** With *such* in both clauses: in Old English ***swelc..swelc***; later ***such as..such*** = Latin *qualis..talis*, except in proverbial sentences of the type 'Such master, such man'.

- a901 *Laws Ælfred* I. xi, Mid swelce hrægle he ineode, mid swelce gange he ut.
- 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 59 Eal swylce seo lange mettrumnes biþ þæs seocan mannes, þonne [etc.]..swylc is þæt lif bysses middangeardes.
- OE *Beowulf* 1328 Swylc scolde eorl wesan, æþeling ærgod, swylc Æschere wæs!
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 235 To zuiche lhorde zuich maine.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 360 Such Capitein such retenue.
- c1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (1859) IV. xxix. 61 Suche as is the kynge,..suche is the peple.
- 1474 CAXTON tr. *Game & Playe of Chesse* (1883) II. ii. 33 Suche moder, suche doughter, comunely.
- a1540 R. BARNES *Wks.* (1573) 189/1 No doubt the prouerbe is true, such lippes such lectuse, such saintes such miracles.
- 1548 H. LATIMER *Notable Serm.* sig. C, Such as the noble men be, suche wyll the people be.
- 1549 *Bk. Common Prayer* (STC 16267) Euensong f. vi, Such as the father is, suche is the sonne.
- 1560 *Bible* (Geneva) 2 Cor. x. 11 Suche as we are in worde by letters when we are absent; suche wil we be also in dede, when we are present.
- 1586 A. DAY *Eng. Secreterie* I. sig. P7<sup>v</sup>, Consider that such as is the tree such is the fruit.
- 1619 E. M. BOLTON tr. Florus *Rom. Hist.* II. xviii. 226 It is a saying, that Such as the captaine is, such is the souldier.

- 1725 G. BERKELEY *Proposal* in *Wks.* (1871) III. 223 Such as their trade is, such is their wealth.  
 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* III. iii. 67 He is dame Norna's servant it's like,—such man, such mistress!  
 1899 W. BESANT *Orange Girl* II. xxvi. 431 Such as they are, such they have been made.

†**b.** With one of the correlatives omitted: = Such as. *Obs.*

- OE *Beowulf* 72 Ond þær on innan eall gedælan geongum ond ealdum, swylc him God sealde.  
 a1000 *Cædmon's Dan.* 66 Gehlodon him to huðe hordwearda gestreon, fea & freos, swilc þær funden wæs.  
 a1200 *Moral Ode* 80 Nis na lauerd swich se is crist ne king swuch ure drihten.  
 a1200 *Moral Ode* 120 Al his lif scal bon suilch boð his endinge.  
 c1275 (▷?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 2072 He somenede færd swulc [c1300 *Otho* soch] nes næuere eær on erde.  
 c1275 LA3AMON *Brut* 3892 Her com a selcouþ tockne soch neuere ne com.

**c.** With *what* as the correlative in the subord. clause. *rare.*

- 1834 *Tracts for Times* No. 24. 5 What the Apostles are in St. Paul's Epistles, such the Bishops are in those of Ignatius.  
 1850 J. H. NEWMAN *Lect. Diffic. Anglicans* (1891) I. i. xii. 379 What Arius, Nestorius, or Eutyches were then, such are Luther and Calvin now.

†**d.** With adv. *as* as the correlative in the subord. clause. *Obs.*

- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Judges viii. 21 As the man is, soch [1611 so] is also his strength.  
 ?1611 G. CHAPMAN tr. Homer *Iliads* XXIII. 517 As corn-ears do shine with dew..When fields set all their bristles up, in such a ruff wert thou, O Menelaus.  
 1659 DRYDEN *Heroique Stanza's* xiii, in E. Waller et al. *Three Poems* 4 He..made to battails such Heroick haste As if on wings of victory he flew.  
 1790 R. BURNS *Poems & Songs* (1968) II. 552 As flames among a hundred woods, As headlong foam a hundred floods, Such is the rage of battle.

**7.**

**a.** With correlative *as* pron. (see AS *conj.* 17), Middle English also *as that*, taking the place of Old English *swelce*, *swá*. **such as** = Of the kind or degree that; the kind of (person or thing) that.

According to the syntax of the subordinate clause, *as* may be equivalent to a relative in an oblique case = of, in, with (etc.) which.

- c888 ÆLFRED tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* xxxiv. §10 Be swelcum gesceaftum swelce nane sawle nabbað.  
 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 95 Ealle hie sceolan þonne arisan..on swylcum heowe swa hie ær hie sylfe gefrætwodan.  
 c1100 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (MS. D) ann. 1058 Mid swilcan weorðscipe swa nan oðer ne dyde ætforan him.  
 a1122 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) ann. 1009 Þa com him swilc wind ongean swilce nan mann ær ne gemunde.  
 c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 83 Þe sunne schined þer þurh, and ho nimeð al swuch hou also ho þer on uint.  
 a1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1852 Wið swuch dream..as drihtin deah to cumene.  
 c1230 *Hali Meid.* 5 Of..swuch wurðschipe, as hit is to beo godes spuse.  
 c1290 *Beket* 1204 in *S. Eng. Leg.* 141 Of swuch a frere ase ich am.  
 1340–70 *Alex. & Dind.* 855 Swiche werkus to swinke as oþur swainus vsen.  
 1377 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* B. XIII. 433 What dauid seith of suche men as þe sauter telleth.  
 1480 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 473 Before such persones and at such places as this case shall require.  
 1546 S. GARDINER *Detection Deuils Sophistrie* 228 Christ..is..mocked..w<sup>t</sup> such toyes and termes, as the Jewes deuised not more spitefull.  
 a1586 SIR P. SIDNEY *Arcadia* (1590) II. vi. sig. R6<sup>v</sup>, When..Musidorus tooke on such shepherdish apparell..as I now weare.

- 1638 J. FORD *Fancies* I. 13 Thy growth to such perfection, as no flattery Of art can perish now.
- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* VI. 82 If it be true that such meat as is the most dangerously earned is the sweetest.
- 1815 SCOTT *Let.* 19 Jan. (1933) IV. 12 To finish an odd little tale within such time as will mistify the public I trust.
- 1857 T. HUGHES *Tom Brown's School Days* II. ii. 259 We'll each of us give you such a thrashing as you'll remember.
- 1877 J. RUSKIN *St. Mark's Rest* v. 65 Such a cloak for their commercial appetite as modern church-going is for modern swindling.

*ellipt.*

- 1616 *Treat. Princ. Dis. Eyes* in W. Bayley *Two Treat. Preserv. Eie-sight* (new ed.) II. 56 Wee must vse topicall meanes and such as are discussiue.
- 1695 DRYDEN in tr. C. A. Du Fresnoy *De Arte Graphica* Pref. p. xii, In these pompous Expressions, or such as these.
- 1737 POPE *Epist. of Horace* II. ii. 3 You love a Verse, take such as I can send.
- 1780 *Mirror* No. 94 To guard such of my readers as should be disposed to indulge in it, against its..consequences.
- 1821 SCOTT *Kenilworth* II. vi. 179 He is to have no access to the lady but such as I shall point out.
- 1891 F. W. FARRAR *Darkness & Dawn* II. xl. 64 All the ordinary conventions of a Roman marriage were carried out, except such as were purely pagan.

†**b.** With *as* omitted. *Obs. rare.*

- 1623 SHAKESPEARE & J. FLETCHER *Henry VIII* II. ii. 101 They haue sent me such a Man, I would haue wish'd for.

†**8.** With *as* followed by a relative usually in an oblique form. *Obs.*

- 1579 G. FENTON in tr. F. Guicciardini *Hist. Guicciardin* Ep. Ded., The man..was such one, as whose vertues were farre from all suspicion of parcialitie.
- 1619 E. M. BOLTON tr. Florus *Rom. Hist.* I. xvi. 73 Our army being..shut vp within such a fastnesse, as out of which it could not escape.
- 1678 R. CUDWORTH *True Intellect. Syst. Universe* I. i. 17 Such a System of it, as from whence it would follow, that there could not be any God.
- 1678 R. CUDWORTH tr. Seneca in *True Intellect. Syst. Universe* I. iv. 198 By such a Nature, as which..is..Nescient of what it doth.

**9.** In uses marked by special word-order.**a.** In predicative use.

- 1154 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) ann. 1135 Ða..uuard þe sunne suilc als it uuare thre-niht ald mone.
- c1275 (þ? a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 3513 His hæd wes swulc swa beoð gold.
- 1377 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* B. x. 253 Suche as þow semest in sy3te be in assay y-founde.
- 1421 *26 Pol. Poems* 83 Be suche wiþ-ynne, as 3e outward seme.
- c1450 J. CAPGRAVE *Life St. Augustine* 38 Loke if 3e be swech as þei be. Wold God 3e were swech as I fynde hem.
- 1597 R. HOOKER *Of Lawes Eccl. Politie* v. liv. 114 His [right] being such as wee cannot reach.
- 1630 BP. J. HALL *Occas. Medit.* §ix, O God, wee are such as thou wilt bee pleased to make us.
- 1794 A. RADCLIFFE *Myst. of Udolpho* IV. xvii. 382 Her conduct was such as might have been expected, from the weakness of her principles.
- 1817 J. MILL *Hist. Brit. India* II. v. vii. 598 Be the other virtues belonging to it such as they may.
- 1859 J. RUSKIN *Two Paths* iii. §96 Your stuffs need not be such as would catch the eye of a duchess.

**b. *such as one or it is:*** having the character that he (it) has, no more and no less; used chiefly with a depreciatory or contemptuous reference,

or apologetically.

- a1240 *Ureisun* in *Old Eng. Hom.* I. 201 Þet wule bi-cluppen þe þer swuch ase þu ert þer louerd of leoue.
- a1240 *Wohunge* in *Old Eng. Hom.* I. 285 A wrecche bodi..bere ich ouer eorðe, and tat swuch as hit is haue 3iuen..to þi seruise.
- c1405 ( ▶ c1390) CHAUCER *Reeve's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 201 If ther be eny Swich as it is, yet shal ye haue youre part.
- a1538 T. STARKEY *Dial. Pole & Lupset* (1989) 89 They have theyr servyce such as hyt ys al in theyr vulgare tong openly rehersyd.
- 1546 J. HEYWOOD *Dialogue Prouerbes Eng. Tongue* II. i. sig. Fii<sup>v</sup>, Many men wishte..Some well fauourd visor, on hir yll fauourd face. But with visorlike visage, suche as it was, She smyrkd, and she smylde.
- 1700 DRYDEN *Fables* Pref. sig. \*Aij, Thoughts, such as they are, come crowding in so fast upon me, that [etc.].
- 1719 D. DEFOE *Farther Adventures Robinson Crusoe* 61 To get up upon their Feet, and perhaps put on a Coat, such as it was, and their Pumps.
- 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* IV. xx. 463 Such as his mind was, it had been assiduously cultivated.
- 1878 T. HARDY *Return of Native* III. VI. i. 260 But, such as the rooms were, there were plenty of them.

### c. In attributive use after its n.

- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Lives Saints* xxix. 263 Ða com þær heofonlic leoht..swilc swa hi ær ne gesawon.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 56 Þer huer he makeþ his miracles zuiche ase behoueþ to þe dyeule.
- a1464 J. CAPGRAVE *Abbreuiacion of Cron.* (Cambr. Gg.4.12) (1983) 67 With wordis..swech as Seint Augustin wold neuir write.
- a1533 LD. BERNERS tr. *Bk. Duke Huon of Burdeux* (1882–7) cxi. 385 A fyne shyрте and dobelet..such as he wold chose.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Comedy of Errors* (1623) I. i. 80 A small spare Mast, Such as sea-faring men prouide for stormes.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* I. 620 Tears such as Angels weep.
- 1757 W. WILKIE *Epigoniad* IV. 95 Its music such, as when a stormy gale Roars thro' a hollow cliff.
- 1820 KEATS *Lamia* I, in *Lamia & Other Poems* 5 A mournful voice, Such as once heard,..destroys All pain but pity.
- 1859 TENNYSON *Guinevere* in *Idylls of King* 253 Beauty such as never woman wore.

### d. Hence *such as* is used to introduce examples of a class: = for example,

*e.g.*

- 1695 DRYDEN in tr. C. A. Du Fresnoy *De Arte Graphica* Pref. p. xvi, If..their Characters were wholly perfect, (such as for Example, the Character of a Saint or Martyr in a Play).
- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* III. 198 All of the cat kind, such as the lion, the tiger, the leopard, and the ounce.
- 1779 *Mirror* No. 31 Writers, such as Theophrastus and La Bruyere.
- 1842 J. C. LOUDON *Suburban Horticulturist* 282 The grafting of plants of one family on those of another totally opposite, such as the jessamine on the orange.
- 1875 W. S. JEVONS *Money* xiii. 159 Many large gold coins, such as the..doubloon.

## 10.

**a.** The principal clause may be reduced to *such* and the words qualified by it for the purpose of producing a terse (exclamatory) form.

- c1420 *Sir Amadace* (Camden) xlix, Seche a storme as thou was inne, That thou myzte any socur wyne, A fulle fayre happe hit wase!
- 1779 J. WARNER in J. H. Jesse *G. Selwyn & his Contemp.* (1844) IV. 271 Such a dinner as we had to-day!
- 1915 *N.E.D.* at *Such*, *Mod.* Oh dear! Such a fuss as never was!

**b.** The clause introduced by *as* may be reduced to the subj. only; when

this is a pron., it may be either nom. or acc., *e.g.* ‘such as *me*’ or ‘such as *I* (sc. am).

- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Homilies* II. 162 Se wolde habban swilcne hlisan swa Benedictus.
- c1412 T. HOCLEVE *De Regimine Principum* 1144 Erthen vessel, to swich a man as me Ful sittynge is.
- 1598 SHAKESPEARE *Love's Labour's Lost* IV. iii. 129 As his, your case is such .
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Winter's Tale* (1623) II. i. 193 Others such as he.
- a1631 J. DONNE *Serm.* (1953) I. 253 The Revelations of Brigid, and of Katherine, and such She-fathers as those.
- 1704 J. ADDISON in tr. Ovid *Metamorph.* in *Poet. Misc.: 5th Pt.* 73 This way of joining two such different Ideas as Chariot and Council to the same Verb.
- 1712 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 317. ¶3 Such a Road of Action, as that I have been speaking of.
- 1716 T. HEARNE *Remarks & Coll.* (1901) V. 292, 4 Pillars,..of such Marble as the Pillars of Sarum Cathedral.
- 1740 S. RICHARDSON *Pamela* I. xxiv. 67 He..look'd at me, and look'd as silly as such a poor Girl as I, I thought afterwards.
- 1831 SCOTT *Count Robert* vii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 4th Ser. II. 160 Instead of such language as this.
- 1841 M. ELPHINSTONE *Hist. India* I. v. iv. 595 He replied..that barbarity such as his was unexampled among princes.
- 1885 'MRS. ALEXANDER' *At Bay* ii. 36 Deering could not endure the companionship of such a man as Vincent.

**c. there is such a thing as:** a phrase used to hint or suggest that the thing referred to exists and therefore must be taken into account; often used *colloq.* to convey a veiled threat.

- 1726 BP. J. BUTLER *15 Serm.* x. 199 It is manifest, that there is such a thing as this Self-partiality and Self-deceit.
- 1767 P. GIBBES *Woman of Fashion* II. 114 There is such a Thing as a Letter miscarrying.
- 1818 T. L. PEACOCK *Nightmare Abbey* xiii, There is a girl concealed in this tower, and find her I will. There are such things as sliding panels and secret closets.
- 1889 *Sat. Rev.* 23 Mar. 335/1 It may be said that there are such things as horsewhips, and it is thought that men have backs.

**11. such..as** (Old English *swá*): the..that, *pl.* those..that; any or all..that; as many (or as much)..as.

- OE *Soul & Body* I 102 Sculon wit þonne eft ætsomne siððan brucan swylcra yrmða, swa ðu unc her ær scrife!
- c1375 *Cursor M.* (Fairf.) 259 Suche worde and werkis as we in lyue redy acountes mone we gyue.
- c1386 CHAUCER *Canon's Yeoman's Prol.* 166 Swich thyng as that I knowe, I wol declare.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 70 Glad was hire innocence tho Of suche wordes as sche herde.
- 1470 in *Camden Misc.* (1847) I. 6 A remembrance of suche actez and dedez as oure souveraigne lorde hadde done.
- 1534 T. CROMWELL in R. B. Merriman *Life & Lett. T. Cromwell* (1902) I. 387 Certayne besynes..to be done..with soche spede and diligence as they conveyently may.
- 1545 R. TAVERNER tr. Erasmus *Prouerbes* (new ed.) sig. G<sup>v</sup>, Such ale as he hath brewed, let hi drinke him self.
- 1601 R. DOLMAN tr. P. de la Primaudaye *French Acad.* III. 420 All these things proceede from the diuersitie of the nature..of such humours as haue engendred them.
- a1715 BP. G. BURNET *Hist. Own Time* (1734) II. 385 The Electress..was forced to submit to such Terms, as were imposed on her.
- 1835 J. DUNCAN *Nat. Hist. Beetles* (Naturalist's Libr.) 182 This genus..comprehends such insects as have the antennæ slightly compressed.
- 1867 J. RUSKIN *Time & Tide* ii. §5 There is a root of the very deepest..truth in the saying, which gives to it such power as it still retains.

*predic.*

1737 *Gentleman's Mag.* May 261/2 These, being such as occur to my Memory at present.

**12.** With relative *who*, *which* (*whence*, *where*, etc.) or *that* (Old English *þe*, *se þe*): = 'such..as' (in senses 6, 11). Now *rare* and regarded as incorrect.

- c831 *Charter* in *Old Eng. Texts* 446 Suelc mon se ðet lond hebbe.
- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Homilies* II. 162 Þæt he ðone cwelmbæren hlaf..on swilcere stowe awurpe, ðær hine nan man findan ne mihte.
- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Lives Saints* Pref. 62 Buton he hæbbe..swylce þening men þe þeawfæstnysse him gebeodon.
- c1275 (▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 9448 Ich con swulcne leche-craft þe leof þe scal iwurðen.
- c1275 (▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 2117 Swulc [c1300 *Otho* woch] for-wonde man þe mid sorwe at-wand.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 139 Alle zuiche þinges þet þe kueade poure deþ and þoleþ.
- c1386 CHAUCER *Monk's Tale* 741 Swich a reyn down fro the welkne shadde That slow the fyr.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 57 Such thing wherof a man may lere That to vertu is acordant.
- c1400 tr. *Secr. Secr., Gov. Lordsh.* 106 Þæt þou chese of wyse men..sweche þat hauyn perfeccion of enourneþe eloquence.
- c1405 (▶ c1387–95) CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 3 Whan that Aueryll w<sup>t</sup> his shoures soote..hath..bathed euery veyne in swich lycour Of which vertu engendred is the flour.
- 1419 *26 Pol. Poems* 70 He þat..wole..suche games bygynne Where þat he wot he may not wynne.
- 1490 CAXTON tr. *Foure Sonnes of Aymon* (1885) ix. 233 Lordes, lete vs doo suche a thyng, wherof we shall gete worshyp.
- 1515 in I. S. Leadam *Select Cases Star Chamber* (1911) II. 95 To occupie eny misterye or craft without thagrement of suche Craft that he desireth to be of.
- 1552–3 *Act 7 Edw. VI* c. 12 §11 At suche place, where he and his Familie..shall kepe his house.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Julius Caesar* (1623) II. i. 129 Such suffering Soules That welcome wrongs.
- 1662 E. STILLINGFLEET *Origines Sacræ* II. i. §2 Such a person..who gave..evidence..that he acted no private design.
- 1709 SWIFT *Project Advancem. Relig.* 37 Such Men are often put into the Commission of the Peace, whose Interest it is, that Virtue should be utterly banished.
- 1709 J. STRYPE *Ann. Reformation* lii, 524 These..seemed to him..such which he never thought..would be seriously opposed.
- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Grecian Hist.* I. vii. 227 Such of his friends that had not forsaken him.
- 1818 W. CRUISE *Digest Laws Eng. Real Prop.* (ed. 2) V. 211 The husband and wife had not such an estate in the land whereof a fine could be levied.
- 1829 SCOTT *Anne of Geierstein* II. ii. 33 Such prisoners from whom he was desirous of extorting..information.
- 1873 J. H. NEWMAN *Idea of Univ.* (ed. 3) 431 In spite of such [1859 whatever] deductions from it that have to be made in detail.
- 1888 'S. GRAND' *Ideala* (1893) 229 Only such intellectual pursuits which are pleasant.

### 13.

**a.** Followed by a subord. clause introduced by *that*, †*so* (*that*), †*as*, *as that* (now rare), or by *as to* (formerly only †*to*) with infin., expressing a consequence. The meaning of *such* tends to be intensive = so great, etc.

- (a)
- c1100 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (MS. F) ann. 995 Þes geares..wearð swylc mancwealm þæt na belaf binnan Cristes cyrcan butan fif munecan.
- a1200 *Moral Ode* 395 Crist 3yue us leden her swilc lif and habben her swilc ende þæt we moten þuder come.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 252 To such prowess he drou þæt al þe kun þat him isei3 adde of him ioye inou.
- c1330 (▶ ?c1300) *Guy of Warwick* (Auch.) l. 266 Swiche iuel is comen him on Þæt he weneþ his liif forgon.

- c1405 ( ▶ c1385) CHAUCER *Knight's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 4 He was..in his tyme swich a conquerour  
That gretter was ther noon vnder the sonne.
- a1500 ( ▶ ?c1450) *Merlin* (1899) xxxiii. 694, I am soche a fole that I love a-nother better than my-self.
- a1533 LD. BERNERS tr. *Bk. Duke Huon of Burdeux* (1882–7) xciv. 304 He sounded the trompettes with  
suche brute that merauyle it was to here.
- 1600 J. PORY tr. J. Leo Africanus *Geogr. Hist. Afr.* III. 109 There was such hauock made..that a sillie  
remnant of them was left alive.
- 1712 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 499. ¶13 This filled my Mind with such a huddle of Ideas, that..I fell into the  
following Dream.
- a1715 BP. G. BURNET *Hist. Own Time* (1724) I. 189 He was a very prudent man; and had such a  
management with it, that I never knew any Clergy-man so universally esteemed.
- 1800 WORDSWORTH *Pet-lamb* in *Lyrical Ballads* (ed. 2) II. 139 'Drink, pretty Creature, drink,' she said in  
such a tone That I almost received her heart into my own.
- 1891 *Law Times* **90** 411/2 Allowing a foundry and other property to fall into such a state of disrepair that  
it was impossible to let them.

*without conj.*

- c1275 ( ▶ ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 15767 Oswy is a swulc mon þine scome he wulle don.
- c1386 CHAUCER *Canon's Yeoman's Prol. & Tale* 849 Lo swich a lucre is in this lusty game A mannes  
myrthe it wol turne vn-to game.
- a1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* xlii. 9 Þou art wrouht of such a kynde: Wiþ-ouen loue maizt þou not  
be.
- 1470–85 MALORY *Morte d'Arthur* VIII. xxxi. 320 He was in suche a study he herd not what Gouvernayle  
said.
- 1557 T. TUSSEY *Hundreth Good Pointes Husbandrie* sig. C.iiiiv, Such season may hap, it shall stande the  
vpon: to till it againe, or an somer be gone.
- 1700 DRYDEN *Chaucer's Palamon & Arcite* II, in *Fables* 36 Such Pity wrought in ev'ry Ladies Mind, They  
left their Steeds, and prostrate on the Place..implor'd th' Offenders Grace.

(b)

- c1369 CHAUCER *Bk. Duchesse* 28 Suche fantasies ben in myn hede So I not what is best too doo.

(c)1417 [see sense 37c]. 1560 [see sense 34b]. 1609 [see sense 34b].

- 1612 B. JONSON *Alchemist* IV. i. sig. H3, I ha' told her such braue things, on you,..As she is almost in her fit  
to see you.
- 1625 BACON *Ess.* (new ed.) 331 They haue such Powring Riuers, as the Riuers of Asia..are but Brookes to  
them.
- 1769 O. GOLDSMITH *Rom. Hist.* I. 372 Having disposed his army in such a manner, as that none of the  
defendents could escape.
- 1883 *Trans. Amer. Philol. Assoc.* 54 (Art. 'Southernisms'), The Faculty are favorable to such a reduction of  
studies *as that* a man can do his work well.

(d)a1450 [see sense 37b].

- 1581 G. PETTIE tr. S. Guazzo *Ciuile Conuersat.* (1586) III. 151 Thinking that his sonne was such a foole to  
accept his offer.
- 1599 R. GREENE *George a Greene* sig. D2<sup>v</sup>, This is wondrous, being blinde of sight, His deepe  
perseuerance should be such to know vs.
- 1779 *Mirror* No. 31 They may be expressed in such vague..terms, as to lay before the reader no marked  
distinguishing feature.
- 1825 'J. NICHOLSON' *Operative Mechanic* 41 The upper part M M X Y of the cup should be of such a form  
as to have the sides covered only with a thin film of the fluid.
- 1892 A. BIERCE *In Midst of Life* 109 He..had borne himself with such gallantry as to attract the attention  
of his superior officers.

**b. predicative.**

- c1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 95 Two þeroffe ben swiche þat no man ne mai underfo [etc.].
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 8 Zuych may by þe onbo3samnesse þet hit is dyadlich zenne.
- 1474 CAXTON tr. *Game & Playe of Chesse* (1883) IV. v. 175 The moeuyng of hem is suche That the whyte  
may goo in to the space of the alphin.

- 1611 T. CORYATE *Crudities* sig. O7<sup>v</sup>, The variety of the curious obiects which it exhibiteth..is such, that a man shall much wrong it to speake a little of it.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 1* (1623) v. v. 26 Beauties Princely Maiesty is such, Confounds the tongue, and makes the senses rough.
- a1700 in *Publ. Catholic Rec. Soc.* (1911) 9 343 Infirmitys, w<sup>ch</sup> were such y<sup>t</sup> she was not able to take rest in a bed.
- 1829 SCOTT *Anne of Geierstein* III. vii. 204 Such and so gentle is René's temper, that even my unfilial conduct will not diminish my influence over him.
- 1895 *Law Times* 100 3/1 The system by which solicitors are paid is such that only by circumlocution and red tape can they make a living.
- 1911 *Act 1 & 2 Geo. V c.* 50 §15 A certificate..to the effect that his eyesight is such as to enable him to make accurate tests for inflammable gas.

### c. In attributive use after its n.

- 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 695/2 At the point..K, such that the points K, H, and B may be in the same right line, let there be fixed a fourth staff.
- 1840 D. LARDNER *Treat. Geom.* 288 Let a distance CB be taken on the conjugate axis, such that the square of CB shall bear to the square of CA, the same ratio [etc.].
- 1876 G. O. TREVELYAN *Life & Lett. Macaulay* II. ix. 137 Statesmen, who had assumed an attitude such that they could not..avoid being..insincere.
- 1895 S. P. THOMPSON & E. THOMAS *Electr. Tab. & Mem.* 60 The number of them is chosen such that in a cross section of the field [etc.].

### d. With the clauses in reverse order, that containing *such* being explanatory of what precedes.

- c1390 ( ▶ a1376) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Vernon) (1867) A. VII. 121 We mowe nouþur swynke ne swete, such seknes vs eileþ.
- 1567 W. ALLEN *Treat. Def. Priesthod* To Rdr. f. 7, They remember well (such is theyr exercise in y<sup>e</sup> woord) how [etc.].
- ?1579 *Woorthie Enterprise I. Foxe* in R. Hakluyt *Princ. Navigations* (1589) I. 154 There was no man that would take charge of a gally, the weather was so rough, and there was such an amasednes amongst them.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Sonnets* lxxxix. sig. F<sup>v</sup>, You still shall liue (such vertue hath my Pen).
- 1673 G. FOX in *Jrnl. Friends' Hist. Soc.* (1914) July 98 The poore people ar redy to mutany in the market her is such a cry for corne to make them bread.

## 14.

### a. By suppression of the clause expressing comparison or relativity, *such* acquires an emphatic force = so great, so eminent, and the like.

- c893 tr. Orosius *Hist.* VI. i. 252 Mid þæm bryne hio wæs swa swiþe forhiened þæt hio næfre siþþan swelc næs.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 796 Leuere he adde wende & bidde is mete..in a strange londe þan þere as he him sulf king was & such þing adde an honde.
- c1540 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Destr. Troy* 1725 My suster Exiona in seruage is holdyn, þat is comen of soche kyn, coldes my hert.
- c1540 ( ▶ ?a1400) *Destr. Troy* 11680 Seche trust haue the troiens truly þerin.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Merry Wives of Windsor* (1623) II. i. 43 If it were not for one trifling respect, I could come to such honour.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* III, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 117 When, after such a length of rowling Years, We see the naked Alps.
- 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. x. 600 Never had there been such crowds in the churches.

### b. *colloq.* Used as an absolute intensive, the implied clause of comparison

being indeterminate and quite lost sight of.

*ever such*: see *ever such (a)* at *EVER adv.* 9b.

- a1556 N. UDALL *Ralph Roister Doister* (?1566) III. iii. sig. D.iiiij, Ye shall not..marry..Ye are such a calfe, such an asse, such a blocke.
- ?a1625 *Lawes of Candy* I. ii, in F. Beaumont & J. Fletcher *Comedies & Trag.* (1647) sig. Ggg4/1, How have I lost a Father? Such a father? Such a one Decius!
- 1780 *Mirror* No. 93 He does little things, and talks of little things, with an air of such importance!
- 1780 *Mirror* No. 93 A sad affair happened last night: my brother and sister had such a tiff!
- 1803 M. CHARLTON *Wife & Mistress* (ed. 2) IV. 87 ‘Lord bless me, no, Ma'am!’ replied she: ‘it's ever such a way off.’
- 1819 SCOTT *Bride of Lammermoor* ix, in *Tales of my Landlord* 3rd Ser. I. 272 To express himself churlishly..towards an old man, whose daughter (and such a daughter) lay before them.
- 1849 R. CURZON *Visits Monasteries* 417 They were marvellously cool and delicious, and there were such quantities of them.
- 1891 ‘J. S. WINTER’ *Lumley* xiv. 101 Oh! yes—such a happiness that it has all come right.
- 1900 E. GLYN *Visits of Elizabeth* (1906) 27 You would be amused at Vernon, where we stayed the night in such an inn!

## 15.

**a.** Preceding an adj. used attrib., *such*, *such a* becomes advb. = so, so...a.

- a1529 J. SKELTON *Why come ye nat to Courte* (?1545) 652 Suche a madde bedleme For to rewle this reame, It is a wonders case.
- 1553 T. WILSON *Arte of Rhetorique* 107 b, Mithridates..hadde suche an excellent memorie that [etc.].
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 1* (1623) v. vii. 84, I feele such sharpe dissention in my breast, Such fierce alarums both of Hope and Feare, As I am sicke with working of my thoughts.
- 1621 R. MONTAGU *Diatribæ Hist. Tithes* 507 Not to play such vnwise a part as those Thoes did.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 68. ¶3 If I were to give my Opinion upon such an exhausted Subject.
- 1743 JOHNSON *Deb. Senate Lilliput* in *Gentleman's Mag.* Aug. 413 This mighty Army..collected from such distant Parts.
- 1823 SCOTT *Quentin Durward* III. viii. 206 All comes of his gaining an archer's place at such early years.
- 1847 DICKENS *Dombey & Son* (1848) xliv. 442 His visage was in a state of such great dilapidation, as to be hardly presentable.
- 1863 M. OLIPHANT *Salem Chapel* I. ix. 143 In such a dark night as this, with such wet gleams about the streets.
- 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 17 Dec. 12/1 Yes, I always liked Shakespeare; you know, he has such a nice face!

**b. not such (a):** = ‘no such’ ( 27).

- 1896 G. SAINTSBURY *Donne's Poems* I. p. xix, Chalmers, a very industrious student, and not such a bad critic.

**III.** (See also *such a(n) one* at sense 28.)

## 16.

**a.** Used to indicate or suggest a name, designation, number, or quantity, where the speaker or writer prefers or is obliged to substitute a general phrase for the specific term that would be required in a particular instance.

- c1450 J. METHAM *Days Moon* (Garrett) in *Wks.* (1916) 155 Yff a man or a woman be born on sqwyche a day off the mone, ye schal conceyue that he ys, or sche ys, dysposyd so as to haue wurchyp, or ellys troubyl.
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) James iv. 13 Let vs go into soche a citie.
- 1528–30 tr. T. Littleton *Tenures* (new ed.) f. xxviii<sup>v</sup>, That the feoffour shall pay suche a some at suche a day.
- 1564 *Briefe Exam.* C iiiij b, It is..the part of..charitie..to leaue such vse of suche signes in such a Church,

free.

- 1664 in *Extracts State Papers* (Friends' Hist. Soc.) (1912) 3rd Ser. 226, I inform'd my Lord..that..a greate number would meete att 2 of y<sup>e</sup> Clocke att such a house.
- 1755 T. SMOLLETT tr. Cervantes *Don Quixote* I. Pref. p. xxvi, The giant Golias..whom the shepherd David slew..as it is written in such a chapter of the book of Kings.
- 1868 E. A. FREEMAN *Hist. Norman Conquest* (1877) II. App. 588 The form always is that the King grants the bishopric or abbacy to such a person.
- 1913 *Oxf. Univ. Gaz.* 19 Feb. 495/2 This Diploma is to certify that A. B...attended a prescribed course of lectures..and (on such a date) satisfied..the examiners.

### b. *such and such*. (rarely predicative.)

Hence ***such-and-suchness***, the quality or condition of being so-and-so.

- 1551 *Bible* (Matthew's) 2 Kings vi. 8 In suche a place and in suche a place [1560 *Geneva* In suche and suche a place] wyl I pitch.
- 1560 *Bible* (Geneva) 2 Sam. xii. 8, I..wolde moreouer..haue giuen thee suche and suche things.
- 1565 J. HALL *Hist. Expost.* in tr. Lanfranc *Most Excellent Woorke Chirurg.* sig. Aaaij<sup>v</sup>, Suche men and suche enformed me that he can tell of thynges loste.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Cymbeline* (1623) I. iii. 29 How I would thinke on him at certaine houres, Such thoughts, and such.
- 1625 J. HART *Anat. Urines* II. v. 82 Vpon the feeding on such and such food it was no vncouth thing for him to voyd such an vrine.
- 1710 G. BERKELEY *Treat. Princ. Human Knowl.* §31, in *Wks.* (1871) I. 171 Such and such ideas are attended with such and such other ideas.
- 1818 *Cobbett's Weekly Polit. Reg.* **33** 114, I shall..proceed upon the supposition that the contents are such and such.
- 1854 THACKERAY *Newcomes* (1855) II. vii. 68 Lord and Lady Blank, of Suchandsuch Castle.
- 1861 T. A. TROLLOPE *La Beata* I. i. 2 Number so-and-so in such-and-such a street.
- 1885 A. SETH *Sc. Philos.* ii. 57 Every event has a character; is such-and-such an event.
- 1885 A. SETH *Sc. Philos.* ii. 57 It is at its such-and-suchness, at its character—in other words, at the universal in it—that we have to look.
- 1899 E. CALLOW *Old London Taverns* I. 247 It became the custom to ask what coffee~house such-and-such a man frequented.

### †c. *such or such*: this or that. *Obs.*

- ?1527 *Iudycyall of Vryns* II. ii. 13 As ofte as I say suche vryne, or suche went befor suche, or suche.
- 1676 J. GLANVILL *Ess.* v. 23 Though I deny such, or such a sense [of a text].
- 1695 DRYDEN in tr. C. A. Du Fresnoy *De Arte Graphica* Pref. p. xxxvii, The Posture of a Poetique Figure is as I conceive, the Description of his Heroes in the performance of such or such an Action.
- 1796 H. HUNTER tr. J. H. B. de Saint-Pierre *Stud. Nature* (1799) I. 292 There is a greater distance between the understanding of Newton, and that of such or such a man, than between the understanding of that man and the instinct of an animal.

### 17. *Comb.* (parasynthetic.)

- 1597 T. BEARD *Theatre Gods Judgements* II. xxxiv. 365 Oh that we had..such minded captaines, that would sharply repress the wrongs..which are so common.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1623) IV. iv. 188 Such a colour'd Perrywig.
- 1711 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 96. ¶4 A Lady that saw such a Gentleman at such a Place in such a coloured Coat.

### IV. Absolute and pronominal uses.

†18. The persons or things before mentioned; those, they; also with sing. reference, that person or thing. *Obs.*

- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Homilies* I. 84 Eadige sind þa innoðas þe hi gebæron, and ða breost þe swylce gesihton.  
 a1250 *Owl & Night*. (Jesus Oxf.) 1324 Hwat constu..of storre?.. Al so doþ mony deor and man, þeo of suyche no wiht ne can.  
 c1330 *Arth. & Merl.* 673 Swiche schuld acomber also fele, So þat oþer had brouzt to wele.  
 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Rom. ii. 2 For we are sure that the iudgement of God is..ouer them that do soch.  
 1655 T. FULLER *Church-hist. Brit.* VIII. 13 Such set to order Kingston Bridge did their work by halves.

## 19.

### a. Persons or things such as those mentioned, described, or referred to.

- c897 K. ÆLFRED tr. Gregory *Pastoral Care* xxxvii. 265 Oft eac ða swelcan monn seal forsion mid eallum forsewennessum.  
 1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Gen. xli. 19 Thes folweden other seuen oxen, in as myche defourme and leene, that neuer siche..Y saw3.  
 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 13 In the worldes reverence Ther ben of suche manie glade.  
 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* II. 43 Sone, thou art non of swiche, For Love schal the wel excuse.  
 c1450 tr. Thomas à Kempis *De Imitatione Christi* III. xxxv. 104 He takiþ non hede wheþer he illude..by true or by false... Lete not þin herte þefore be troubled ner drede suche.  
 1573 in T. E. Bridgett & T. F. Knox *True Story Catholic Hierarchy* (1889) vii. 112 Her Maiestie had choise ynough of souch at that tyme, and yet hath.  
 1637 MILTON *Comus* 2 To such my errand is.  
 1867 W. F. ROCK *Jim an' Nell* lxxxix. 25 Let un beckon, Hagegy Bess; wi' zich, I reckon, Ha now delight'h vor mang.

### b. *and such*: and suchlike, and the like.

- [a1400–50 *Wars Alex.* 1889 Þe somme of siluer & of siche & of sere stanes.]  
 1652 *News from Lowe Countreys* 6 Cures Collicks, Belly-Ach, and such.  
 1849 J. G. SAXE *Proud Miss MacBride* in *Poems* Little by little he grew to be rich, By saving of candle-ends and sich.  
 1894 M. DYAN *All in Man's Keeping* (1899) 203 A smaller table held ices, squashes, and such.  
 1904 *Windsor Mag.* Jan. 296/2 A little place hung about with Eastern draperies and altar-cloths and such.

## 20.

### a. With dependent rel. pron.: Such people *as*, those (people) *who*, *whose*, etc.; all or any *that*.

In Old English and Middle English also sing. = such a man.

- 835 *Charter* in *Old Eng. Texts* 448 Swælcum se hit geðian wile.  
 ?c1225 (► ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 280 Ichwat swich þet bereð ba togedere heui brunie & here.  
 c1230 (► ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Corpus Cambr.) (1962) 45 Misseið bi swuch þet is cwic ine godd.  
 1377 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* B. x. 26 Þe sauter seyth þe same bi suche þat don ille.  
 c1386 CHAUCER *Melibeus* ¶45 By..assent of swiche as weren wise.  
 c1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (1483) IV. xxxiv. 82 The gouernement of a reame shold be..executed by suche as were of grettest bounte.  
 1490 CAXTON tr. *Four Sonnes of Aymon* (1885) ix. 208 Ye aske counseyll of suche that canne not counseyl theymselpe.  
 1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. ccvii. 245 We may fortune to mete with suche that shall pay for our scotte.  
 1563 T. HILL *Arte Gardening* (1593) 143 This being also drunk, helpeth such which be stopped in the brest.  
 1623 SHAKESPEARE & J. FLETCHER *Henry VIII* I. i. 76 Such To whom as great a Charge, as little Honor He meant to lay vpon.  
 1633 P. MASSINGER *New Way to pay Old Debts* II. i. sig. D2<sup>v</sup>, Such whose Fathers were Right worshipfull.

- 1748 G. WHITE *Serm.* (MS.) To such from whom we look for advantages.
- 1777 W. CAMERON in *Transl. & Paraphr. Ch. Scot.* xiv. 1 Let such as would with Wisdom dwell, frequent the house of woe.
- 1800 S. SMITH *6 Serm.* 65 Such of their fellow-creatures who have fixed their faith in an amiable and benevolent religion.
- 1829 in *Nairne Peerage Evidence* (1874) 76 Such of you to whom it may appertain to issue and pay..the said annuity.
- 1876 A. C. SWINBURNE *Note Eng. Republ.* 21 The mere love-offering of preserved souls and such whose minds are dedicated to nothing temporal.

## b. People of the same kind *as*.

- 1823 SCOTT *Quentin Durward* II. vi. 126 Such as I are free in spirit when our limbs are chained.
- 1850 TENNYSON *In Memoriam* xxxiv. 53 What then were God to such as I?
- 1869 F. DOYLE *Lect.* iii. 96 To consider whether it be not to such as him, rather than to such as them, that we ought to look.

## 21.

### a. Such a thing; the thing mentioned or referred to.

- OE CYNEWULF *Elene* 571 Heo frignan ongan, cwædon þæt hio on aldre owiht swylces ne ær ne sið æfre hyrdon.
- OE *Beowulf* 996 Wundorsiona fela secga gehwylcum þara þe on swylc starað.
- 1154 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) ann. 1137 Suilc & mare þanne we cunnen sæin we þolenden.
- c1175 *12th Cent. Hom.* 30 Heo dweloden swyðe þa ða heo swylces axoden.
- c1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 436 Ȝif a best bad a man do siche.
- 1845 P. J. BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 2) 77 Do Thou grant, Lord! That when wrongs are to be redressed, such may Be done with mildness.
- 1885 LELAND *Brand-new Ballads* 127 Ye are goin' for the summer to the islands by the sea,..setch is not for setch as me.

### †b. With correlative or rel. Such a thing..(as). *Obs.*

- c893 tr. Orosius *Hist.* I. x. 48 Hit is scondlic..ymb swelc to sprecanne hwelc hit þa wæs.
- a1250 *Prov. Ælfred* 83 in *Old Eng. Misc.* 106 Hwych so þe mon soweþ al swuch he schal mowe.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 178 Ofte swich as men beginne Towardes othre, swich thei finde, That set hem ofte fer behinde, Whan that thei wene be before.

### †c. **such as**: that which, what, whatever.

- c1340 *Medit. Passion* in *Hampole's Wks.* (1895) I. 92 Graunte me grace..euere to knouleche me for sich as I am, a sinful wrecche.
- c1440 *Alphabet of Tales* 184 He sett befor þaim suche as he had in his cell.
- 1474 CAXTON tr. *Game & Playe of Chesse* (1883) II. iv. 51 After that he had eten suche as plesid hym he voyded the mete.
- 1484 CAXTON tr. *Subtyl Historyes & Fables Esope* I. xi, He that is wyse must not..take hede to his wordes but lete hym go for suche as he is.
- a1500 (► a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xxvii. 364 Ye ar welcom..To sich as we haue.
- 1568 T. HACKET tr. A. Thevet *New Found Worlde* xxv. 41 The Indians..brought vs thither suche as the land..bringeth forth.

## 22. Referring to a n. or phrase (cf. 4).

- c1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* (1869) IV. xxxi. 193 Alle knyhtes that hauen swerdes resceyuen not swiche coles. Gret joye it were..if thei hadden swiche.
- 1477 EARL RIVERS tr. *Dictes or Sayengis Philosophhres* (Caxton) (1877) lf. 11<sup>v</sup>, Ware the of the wordes of

lyers, and suche punyssh.

- 1565 T. HARDING *Answer to Iuelles Challenge* 211 If he had offered bread and wine onely,..it had ben no newe oblation, for such had been made by Melchisedech.
- 1581 J. MARBECK *Bk. Notes & Common Places* 494 With him that is holie, virtuous, and good, a man (keeping companie with such) shall have a smacke of his holinesse.
- a1637 B. JONSON *Timber* 1098 in *Wks.* (1640) III Like Children, that imitate the vices of Stammerers so long, till at last they become such.
- 1662 J. DAVIES tr. A. Olearius *Voy. & Trav. Ambassadors* 402 They were forc'd to..travel so arm'd to secure themselves against the Robbers thereabouts: but they looked more like such themselves.
- 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 698/1 It were easy to transfer to the diameter of a circle the chords of all arches to the extent of a semicircle; but such are rarely found marked upon rules.
- 1828 SCOTT *Aunt Margaret's Mirror* ii, Two or three low broad steps led to a platform in front of the altar, or what resembled such.
- 1848 THACKERAY *Bk. Snobs* xiii. 51 He will not have his young friends to be Snobs in the future, or to be bullied by Snobs, or given over to such to be educated.
- 1889 GEIKIE in *Nature* 19 Sept. 486 To call for more facts and experiments, if such are possible.
- 1912 *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Jan. 27 A forest became such by a stroke of the pen, not by any physical change.

### 23. **such and such**: such and such persons or things; also *sing.*, this and this.

- a1450 *Knt. de la Tour* xv, He saide..that suche and suche had saine her do hit.
- 1574 E. HELLOWES tr. A. de Guevara *Familiar Epist.* 502 Not contented to take the wheat, the bacon, y<sup>e</sup> butter, the oile, the cheese, to giue vnto such & such out of y<sup>e</sup> doore.
- 1576 A. FLEMING tr. J. Caius *Of Eng. Dogges* 34 Giuyng warnyng to them of the house, that such & such be newly come.
- 1604 SHAKESPEARE *Hamlet* II. i. 57, I saw him yesterday, or th'other day, Or then, or then, with such and such.
- 1893 F. W. L. ADAMS *New Egypt* 147 We have done such, and such, and such.

### V. Uses with special classes of words and in idiomatic phrases.

#### \* *In collocation with indef. adjs., numerals, etc.*

When used absol. the phrases in 24 – 27 become a kind of compound pronouns.

### 24. With *many (more), any, some, all, every*: many (etc.)...of the (same) kind, many...like this. Also in phr. **or some such** (also **somesuch**): or some such thing.

With a sing. n. the construction *many a such, any such a*, etc. was formerly common.

- c888 ÆLFRED tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* xxxiv. §6 Geþyld & rihtwisnes & wisdom, & manege swelce cræftas.
- c1230 (▷ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Corpus Cambr.) (1962) 195 3ef ei mon eani swuch þing ortrowi bi him.
- c1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 443 When ony suche men asken þe sacrid ooste.
- 1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Ephes. v. 27 Not hauynge wem, or spot,..or ony such thing.
- a1400 (▷ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Trin. Cambr.) l. 13712 Moises wol we alle suche stone.
- c1400 *Rom. Rose* 7123 Many a such comparisoun.
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) Mark ix. f. lvij<sup>v</sup>, Whosoever receave eny soche a chylde in my name, he receaveth me.
- 1544 *Letanie* in *Exhort. vnto Prayer* sig. Bvii<sup>v</sup>, All suche as haue erred & ar deceiued.
- 1548 N. UDALL et al. tr. Erasmus *Paraphr. Newe Test.* I. Luke xvii. 134 Beefore ye haue any perceiueraunce that any suche thyng is to come.
- 1549 T. SOLME in H. Latimer *2nd Serm. before Kynges Maiestie* To Rdr. sig. Aviii, A fewe moo suche Preachers.
- 1550 T. CRANMER *Let.* 20 Apr. in D. Wilkins *Consilia* (1737) IV. 62/1 All such benefices..as..have been..impropried.
- 1570 B. GOOGE tr. T. Kirchmeyer *Popish Kingdome* III. f. 33, Masse blesseth euery such as seekes in welthie state to bee.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Much Ado about Nothing* v. iv. 49 Some such strange bull leapt your fathers cowe.

- 1607 S. HIERON *Discouerie of Hypocrisie* in *Wks.* (1620) I. 241 Euey such shall bee cut off by the hand of God.
- 1653 H. MORE *Antidote Atheism* (1662) 97 A many such miracles.
- 1663 S. BUTLER *Hudibras: First Pt.* I. i. 27 He ne'er gave quarter t' any such .
- 1778 F. BURNEY *Evelina* I. xvi. 97, I never kept company with any such gentry.
- 1832 D. BREWSTER *Lett. Nat. Magic* xiii. 331 Several such strata.
- 1836 C. THIRLWALL *Hist. Greece* III. xviii. 77 If we may properly attribute any such objects to him.
- 1837 J. G. LOCKHART *Mem. Life Scott* IV. vii. 222 Some such excursion had been..recommended to him by his own physicians.
- 1895 S. BARING-GOULD *Noémi* xxiv, Some such a colourless, cadaverous light as that which [etc.].
- 1967 D. FRANCIS *Blood Sport* iii. 35 He was in France on business wasn't he, or somesuch.
- 1972 *Daily Tel.* 11 Apr. 22/5 Plan will be to approach them with proposals for short and sharp bursts of selling with stamps—stamp weeks or somesuch.
- 1973 R. PARKES *Guardians* vii. 122 The doctor believed it might aid expiation or abreaction or some such.

**25. *such other* (arch.), † *other such*; as pron. *such others*, arch. *other such*. Phr. † *and such other*, and the like, and such-like.**

- c888 ÆLFRED tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* xxiv. §3 On swilcum & on oðrum swelcum lænum & hreosendum weorðscipum.
- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Exodus* vii. 11 Hig worhton oðer swilc þing þurh hira dry~craeft.
- a1250 (▶ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Nero) (1952) 108 Þeos & oðer swuche dredfule þouhtes.
- a1425 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman*A. I.104 (MS. U) [Cherubin and Seraphin] and siche mo oþere.
- c1450 *Brut*. II. ccxxvii. 299 Ploghmen, & such oþer laborers.
- ?1482 J. KAY tr. G. Caoursin *Siege of Rhodes* ¶5 Gorones, culuerynes, serpentines and such other.
- 1530 J. PALSGRAVE *Lesclarcissement* 463/2, I brede a chylde, or brede yonge, as a woman or any other suche beest dothe.
- 1531 *St. German's Secunde Dyaloge Doctour & Student* (new ed.) xlii. f. cvi, A Captayne..shall be bounde for the offence of hys squyers. And an hoste for his ghest and such other.
- 1588 T. KYD tr. Tasso *Housholders Philos.* f. 18<sup>v</sup>, By fires, tempests, inundations, & other such.
- 1600 J. PORY tr. J. Leo Africanus *Geogr. Hist. Afr.* II. 94 Either cheese, butter, milk, or any other such commoditie.
- 1707 J. FREIND *Acct. Earl of Peterborow's Conduct* 131 Such other place as shall be judged proper.
- 1725 D. DEFOE *New Voy. round World* I. 94 Roots, Yams, Mangoes, and such Stuff.
- 1762 LD. KAMES *Elements Crit.* II. xviii. 386 Observance, opponent,..and such others of three syllables.
- 1868 A. C. SWINBURNE *W. Blake* 150 Behmen, Swedenborg, or such others.
- 1871 J. RUSKIN *Fors Clavigera* I. x. 15 There are, indeed, other such in the world.

**26.**

**a. *such another*, *another such*:** another...of the kind, another similar. (Rarely ***another such a***, † ***such a...such another***: one...another, with a sing. n.)

*Such another* is used idiomatically in Shakespeare, where we should now say simply either 'such (a)', as in *Two Gent.* III. i. 133, *Tr. & Cr.* I. ii. 282 (Fo. 1), or 'another', 'a second', as in *Merry W.* I. iv. 145.

- a1300 *Sat. People Kildare* iv, in *Early Eng. Poems & Lives Saints* (1862) 153 Soch an oþir an erþe i note.
- c1375 *Cursor M.* (Fairf.) 1942 For nankyn chaunce sal I take suche a-noþer veniaunce.
- c1390 in F. J. Furnivall *Minor Poems Vernon MS* (1901) 716 In-to þat schip þer longed a Rooþur,..In al þis world nis such a noþur.
- a1400 (▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 1942 For nakin schauce [*Fairf.* nankyn chaunce] Sal i ta suilk a noiþer wengance.
- a1450 (▶ c1410) H. LOVELICH *Hist. Holy Grail* xxxvi. l. 638 Whiche tombe was so Ryaly dyht, that neuere myht Comprehende In Mannes Miht Swich Anothir tombe to Make As there was don.
- a1500 in J. Evans & M. S. Serjeantson *Eng. Mediaeval Lapidaries* (1933) 118 Proinces is a stone of femal kend..for somtyme he conceyueþ & bereþ such anoþer stone.
- a1556 N. UDALL *Ralph Roister Doister* (?1566) III. v. sig. F,j, Did not you make me a letter brother? *Scriuener*. Pay the like hire. I will make you suche an other.

- 1597 SHAKESPEARE *Richard III* I. iv. 5, I would not spend another such a night.
- 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 2* II. iv. 252 Such other gambole faculties a has..for the which the prince admits him: for the prince himself is such another .
- 1620 *Horæ Subseciua* 352 Heere are besides the ancient Statues of the Horatij and Curiatij, and such another of Neroes Mother as I haue mentioned to be in the Capitoll.
- a1627 T. MIDDLETON *More Dissemblers besides Women* v. i, in *2 New Playes* (1657) 72 How; such another word, down goes your Hose Boy.
- 1684 EARL OF ROSCOMMON *Ess. Translated Verse* 258 Another Such had left the Nation thin, In spite of all the Children he brought in.
- 1720 *Humourist* 65 Such a Person can do nothing ill, and such another..nothing well.
- 1756 T. AMORY *Life John Buncl* I. 163 She was such another genius as Chubb.
- 1852 H. B. STOWE *Uncle Tom's Cabin* II. xxix. 150 We'll never get another such a master.
- 1861 T. L. PEACOCK *Gryll Grange* xxxii, That chance has passed from her; and she will not easily find such another.
- 1868 A. C. SWINBURNE *W. Blake* 180 The 'frowning babe' of the last stanzas is..the same or such another as the one whose birth is first spoken of.
- 1871 J. RUSKIN *Fors Clavigera* I. v, No foolish being..will ever be capable of saying such another foolish thing.
- 1941 E. R. EDDISON *Fish Dinner* vii. 124 As the drunkard that swallowed the true live frog in his beer-mug, supposing it but such another fantasm as he was customed to?
- 2011 S. MUKHERJI *Thinking on Thresholds* iv. 64 A 'deeper' meaning that emerges..when we have a Ruskin, or such another decipherer, at hand.

## b. Similarly **such a second**.

- 1828 SCOTT *Tapestr. Chamb.* I would not run the risk of such a second night.

**27. no (†none) such** adj., rarely †**no such a**; absol. or as pron. now only **none such** (cf. **none such**, NONSUCH *n.* and *adj.*), formerly **no such** (and †**such none**).

## a. No (person or thing) of the kind; none of the kind.

- OE *Crist* I 290 Nan swylc ne cwom ænig oþer ofer ealle men, bryd beage hroden.
- a1122 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* (Laud) anno 1032 Her..atywde þæt wildefyr ðe nan mann æror nan swylc ne gemunde.
- ?c1225 (‡?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 76 Ne chaste 3e nan swich mon neauer on oðerwise.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 3063 In þe world such non is.
- 13.. *Guy Warw.* (C.) 122 On this half the see noon suche was.
- a1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* xxix. ii. 69 Þe Iew..seide þer nas non such child þrinne.
- c1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* (1869) IV. lix. 205 Ther sook neuere noon non swich milk ne droouh noon swich brest.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) *Ecclus.* xlv. 13 Before him were there sene no soch fayre ornamentes.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) *Acts* xxi. C, We haue wrytten, and concluded, that they shulde obserue no soch, but onely [etc.].
- 1582 R. STANYHURST tr. T. More in tr. Virgil *First Foure Bookes Æneis* 100 Syth mye nose owtpeaking, good syr, your liplabor hindreth, Hardlye ye may kisse mee, where no such gnomon apeereth.
- 1601 R. HOLTBY in *Archpriest Controv.* (1896) I. 185 They had no such ignorance that could excuse them admittinge that he was a superior.
- 1607 S. HIERON *Discouerie of Hypocrisie* in *Wks.* (1620) I. 237 No such shall inherite the kingdome of Christ and of God.
- 1647 J. TRAPP *Mellificium Theol.* in *Comm. Epist. & Rev.* 697 The Emperour Commodus would needs be stiled ὑπερπαύων, or the Surpasser, as if there were none such.
- 1663 S. BUTLER *Hudibras: First Pt.* I. i. 4 'Tis plain enough he was no such .
- 1749 BERKELEY *Word to Wise* in *Wks.* (1871) III. 440 There can be no such thing as happy life without labour.
- 1774 *Child of Nature* II. 86, I would..have no such a tête à tête with such a man.
- 1831 SCOTT *Castle Dangerous* iii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 4th Ser. IV. 88 'Who was it passed through your post even now, with the traitorous cry of "Douglas"?' 'We know of no such.'

- 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 119 Objection was taken by some zealous Protestants to the mention made of the Roman Catholic religion. There was no such religion.
- 1867 A. C. SWINBURNE in *Fortn. Rev.* Oct. 428 There is no such thing as a dumb poet or a handless painter.

**b.** No great; advb. qualifying as adj. (cf. 15b) = not (a) very, not a.

† **nothing such:** nothing of any account.

- 1579 SPENSER *Shepherdess Cal.* Sept. 79, I thought the soyle would haue made me rich: But nowe I wote, it is nothing sich.
- 1612 BACON *Ess.* (new ed.) 9 Death is no such enemy, when a man hath so many followers about him.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Antony & Cleopatra* (1623) III. iii. 40 Why me think's by him, This Creature's no such thing.
- 1669 DRYDEN *Wild Gallant* I. i. 11 If that be all, there's no such hast.
- 1695 W. CONGREVE *Love for Love* V. i. 76 Fifty, in a hale Constitution, is no such contemptible Age.
- 1773 O. GOLDSMITH *She stoops to Conquer* V. 92 Five and twenty miles in two hours and a half is no such bad driving.
- 1782 F. BURNEY *Cecilia* III. V. xii. 148 As you happen to be quite alone, a little agreeable company would be no such bad thing.
- 1867 M. ARNOLD *Celtic Lit.* 87 So long as Celt and Teuton are..at least, no such great while out of their cradle.
- 1870 W. MORRIS *Earthly Paradise* III. 279 Clad in attire of no such wretched price.

**c.** Phr. **no such †matter or thing:** nothing of the kind; also exclamatorily, = not at all, not a bit of it, quite the contrary.

- 1538 POLE *Let.* in J. Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) I. App. lxxxiii. 213 Neither you nor no man else..can bring no such thing against mine opinion.
- 1560 *Bible* (Geneva) 2 Sam. xiii. 12 No suche thing oght to be done in Israel: commit not this folie.
- 1584 G. PEELE *Araygnem. Paris* I. i. sig. Aij<sup>v</sup>, *Pan.* We meete not now to brawle. *Faun.* Theres no such matter, Pan.
- 1588 R. GREENE *Pandosto* sig. C4<sup>v</sup>, The goodman..desired her to be quiet, for there was non such matter.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Sonnets* lxxxvii. sig. F3, In sleepe a King, but waking no such matter .
- 1755 T. GRAY *Let.* 14 Aug. in *Corr.* (1971) I. 431 They thought me rheumatic & feverish. no such thing!
- 1814 L. HUNT *Feast of Poets* 61 The vices..are only 'imputed' to him;—to use a pithy and favourite mode of quotation, 'There's no such thing!'
- 1869 A. J. EVANS *Vashti* xv. 203, I shall do no such thing.

**28. such a(n) one,** formerly also † **such one,** freq. as one word † **suchon.**

**a.** Such a person or thing as that specified or referred to; one of that kind.

- c1375 *Cursor M.* (Fairf.) 85 Of suche an [*Cott.* suilk an] sulde men mater take.
- c1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 47 Þei schullen presenten hym to þe nexte custode of þat place where euere þei fynden sychon.
- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 47 Ther is manye of yow Faitours, and so may be that thow Art riht such on.
- c1400 *Pilgr. Sowle* (1483) IV. xxxiii. 82 Good ryght is that vpon suche one be take vengeance.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Job xiv. 3 Thinkest thou it now well done, to open thine eyes vpon soch one?
- 1559 J. AYLMEYER *Harborowe* sig. F2, It is a great enterprise..to pulle a quenes crowne of hir head: and specially such a ones.
- 1594 O. B. *Questions Profitable Concernings* L ij b, Such ones are said to harrow hell, to make their sonnes Gentlemen.
- 1654 O. SEDGWICK *Elisha* 15 The death of such a one is an exceeding loss.
- 1732 B. MANDEVILLE *Enq. Origin Honour* 166 To such a one, a Clergyman should preach the Strictness of Morality.
- 1816 W. HAZLITT *Polit. Ess.* (1819) 82 A Jacobin is one who would haue his single opinion govern the world... Such a one is Mr. Southey.

1885 A. C. SWINBURNE *Misc.* (1886) 298 Such an one..is by common consent a blackguard.

**b.** Followed by rel. pron. *as*, formerly †*that*, etc.: One of the kind that; one who, a thing which.

1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 96 He mot him binde To such on which of alle kinde Of wommen is thunsemlieste.

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) 287 Suche an on as is of gode maneres.

1530 T. CROMWELL in R. B. Merriman *Life & Lett. T. Cromwell* (1902) I. 330 Dilligent and honest And suchon that..wilbe gladde to serue your grace in any thing.

1539 *Bible* (Great) Ps. lxxviii. 21 The hearie scalpe of soch one [1611 such a one] as goeth on still in his wyckednes.

1583 T. STOCKER tr. *Tragicall Hist. Ciuile Warres Lowe Countries* IV. 23 He was a verie noble young Prince, and such a one as in whom, was great hope of good.

1600 SHAKESPEARE *Much Ado about Nothing* V. i. 7 Such a one whose wrongs doe sute with mine.

1672 O. WALKER *Of Educ.* II. ii. 235 Such a one..as is a discreet and virtuous person.

1884 A. C. SWINBURNE *Misc.* (1886) 28 He was merely a royalist, and such an one as may be bred and reared out of the middle class.

**c.** Followed by rel. adv. *as*: One of the same kind as; one like (so-and-so).

c1400 *26 Pol. Poems* 111 Wiþ suchon as I to make debat.

1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Psalms xlix. 21 Thou..thinkest me to be euen soch one as thy self.

1596 J. HARINGTON *Apol.* sig. Bb<sup>v</sup>, A passing proud fellow, such a one as Naaman the Syrian.

1611 *Bible* (King James) Philemon 9 Being such a one as Paul the aged.

1727 L. WELSTED *Dissembled Wanton* V. 68 By marrying some commodious Person; such a one is Mr. Toby.

1868 C. THIRLWALL *Lett.* (1881) II. 195 It was just such a one as that which was the occasion of Wordsworth's sonnet.

1885 A. C. SWINBURNE *Misc.* (1886) 225 Such an one as these.

**d.** A certain one not specifically named (see 16); So-and-so. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1560 *Bible* (Geneva) Ruth iv. 1 Ho, suche one [1611 such a one], come, sit downe here.

?1566 W. P. tr. C. S. Curio *Pasquine in Traunce* 24 Then did the coniuurer aske, whether he was such a one or such a one, naming many and sundry persons that dyed long ago.

a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Measure for Measure* (1623) II. i. 107 That such a one, and such a one, were past cure of the thing you wot of.

1678 T. OTWAY *Friendship in Fashion* I. 2 He had bin with my Lord such a one.

1712 J. ARBUTHNOT *John Bull in his Senses* iii. 10 Instead of plain Sir and Madam..he calls us Goody and Gaffer such a one.

1798 W. HUTTON *Life* (1816) 52 [She] mentioned several such-a-ones who solicited her hand.

1812 BYRON *Waltz* xiii, Sir—Such-a-one.

1832 H. MARTINEAU *Hill & Valley* (1843) 162 They said that 'neighbour such-a-one was a prisoner'.

†**e.** As adj. following the n.: Such as. *Obs.*

1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) 1 Macc. iv. 47 They..buylded a new aulter soch one as was before.

1546 J. HEYWOOD *Dialogue Prouerbes Eng. Tongue* II. vii. sig. Iii<sup>v</sup>, A larom, suche one, As folk ring bees w<sup>t</sup> basons.

a1716 SOUTH in Chambers *Cycl. Eng. Lit.* I. 465/1 Sensuality is..one kind of pleasure, such a one as it is.

**29.** Miscellaneous.

**a.** **such much** *adj.* so much, thus much.

1832 T. CARLYLE *Let. to J. Carlyle* 2 July Such much for Annandale, where you see there are..many mercies still allotted to us.

†**b. *what such***: of what kind. *Obs.*

1671 H. M. tr. Erasmus *Colloquies* 152 What such soever an one thy husband be.

1671 H. M. tr. Erasmus *Colloquies* 555 Consider here with me what such they be.

†**c. *who such***: such as, whoever. *Obs.*

1667 A. MARVELL *Let.* 26 Nov. in *Poems & Lett.* (1971) II. 62 That you may return who such take it [*sc.* an oath].

†**d. *such a like, such...like***: = SUCH-LIKE *adj.* and *pron.*

1474 *Cov. Leet Bk.* 389 Intrelles of bestes or such filthy thyng like.

1541 T. WYATT *Defence* in K. Muir *Life & Lett.* (1963) 195 Alleginge that he had ons swarved from hym in suche a lyke matter.

1577 T. VAUTROLLIER tr. M. Luther *Comm. Epist. to Galathians* (new ed.) f. 95, Such a like thing of late happened to that miserable man Doctor Kraus of Hal.

1608 E. TOPSELL *Hist. Serpents* 15 Solinus reporteth of such a like wood in a part of Affrica.

**e. *such a few, such a many*** (colloq.): so few, so many.

1841 THACKERAY *Great Hoggarty Diamond* xiii, No one could have thought it could have done such a many things in that time.

**30.** Preceding a poss. pron., as ***such his*** = that or this (those or these) of his. Rarely with correlative *as*. *Obs.* or *arch.*

1565 W. ALLEN *Def. & Declar. Doctr. Purgatory* To Rdr. 6<sup>v</sup>, 7, I..submit my selfe, to the iudgment of suche oure masters..as..are made the lawful pastors of our soules.

1581 W. ALLEN *Apol. Two Eng. Colleges* f. 121, God giueth not the tast of such his confortes to any, but [etc.].

1602 W. WATSON *Decacordon Ten Quodlibeticall Questions* 265 Such their friends as they themselues made choice of.

1702 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* I. IV. 233 The Minister..Resisted such their Licence.

1709 R. STEELE *Tatler* No. 1. ¶1, I shall..publish such my Advices and Reflections.

1787 *Minor* IV. xix. 307 A few words of such my personages as have not previously been..disposed of.

1837 F. PALGRAVE *Merchant & Friar* Ded. p. xxi, When you pay such your visit to the civic muniment room.

**31.** With a cardinal numeral, which now always precedes ***such***: (So many) of that kind, or of the kind *that*.

1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 439 Hii hadde suche þritti men as were in hor side.

1377 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* B. I. 106 Cherubyn and seraphin suche seuene and an-othre.

a1533 LD. BERNERS tr. *Arthur of Brytayne* (?1560) lxxv. sig. Ti, He had to do all at ones wyth suche .vi. as syr Rowland is.

a1568 R. ASCHAM *Scholemaster* (1570) II. f. 41, This golden sentence, diuerslie wrought upon, by soch foure excellent Masters.

1575 G. GASCOIGNE *Certayne Notes Instr.* in *Posies* sig. U.j<sup>v</sup>, Rythme royall is a verse of tenne sillables, and seuene such verses make a staffe.

1582 N. LICHEFIELD tr. F. L. de Castanheda *1st Bk. Hist. Discoverie E. Indias* 16 Since it was so expedient to have a Pilot, the Generall then requested to have two such.

- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *As you like It* (1623) IV. i. 111 *Orl.* And wilt thou haue me? *Ros.* I, and twentie such.  
 1637 MILTON *Comus* 20 The..innocent Ladie..Gently ask't if he had seene such two.  
 1707 J. WARD *Young Mathematician's Guide* IV. ii. 361 By the Rectangle of any two Abscissæ's, is meant the Rectangle of such two Parts, as being Added together, will be Equal to the Transverse Diameter.  
 1766 J. FORDYCE *Serm. Young Women* (1767) I. i. 70 What is the shallow admiration of an hundred such?  
 1821 BYRON *Isles of Greece in Don Juan: Canto III* 49 Of two such lessons, why forget The nobler and the manlier one?

†**32.** With a cardinal numeral *such* is used to denote multiplication by the number in question; e.g. ***such five (as or so)*** = five times as many or as much (as). *Obs.*

Old English ***oper swilc*** = as much or as many more; ***swilc healf*** = half as much.

- OE *Beowulf* 1583 Slæpende fræt folces Denigea fyftyne men, ond oðer swylc ut offerede.  
 c1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 180 Genim þæs selestan wines & grenes eles swilc healf.  
 c1000 *Sax. Leechd.* II. 214 Þry lytle bollan fullan gemengde wiþ swilc tu wæteres.  
 c1290 *S. Eng. Leg.* 102 Þat is suych a þousent more wurth þanne al þat þing þat is.  
 a1300 *Floriz & Bl.* 360 Grante him þat þu wilt so, And tak mid amoreþe suche two.  
 c1369 CHAUCER *Bk. Duchesse* 408 To have moo floures swche seven As in the walkene sterris bee.  
 ▶ a1387 J. TREVISA tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1876) VI. 83 He hadde suche þre so hardy men in his oost as þe *oper* hadde in his.  
 c1412 T. HOCCLEVE *De Regimine Principum* 1195, I se þou woldest sorowe swyche two As I.  
 1470–85 MALORY *Morte d'Arthur* X. viii. 426 He is able to bete suche fyue as ye and I be.

\*\* *In phrases with nouns.*

**33. *such kind*, †*such sort*, †*such (a) manner (of)*, †*of such manner*:** of such a kind.

- 1303 R. MANNYNG *Handlyng Synne* 243 By god ys of swych manere, Þogh þou forsake hym ryght now here, To-morwe mayst þou com aþeyn.  
 1303 R. MANNYNG *Handlyng Synne* 1737 Aþens swyche maner wyuys þat wyl nat amende here lyuys.  
 a1325 *Statutes of Realm* (2011) xli. 106 Of suuche manere felonies.  
 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 10 Kueade wordes of zuyche manere.  
 c1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 390 To occupie siche maner londe or lordeschip.  
 1382 *Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.)* Gen. xliii. 32 A fowle thing thei wenen sich a manere feeste.  
 a1450 J. MYRC *Instr. to Par. Priests* 39 Wrastelynge, & schotyng, & suche maner game.  
 a1470 MALORY *Morte Darthur* (Winch. Coll.) 985 The bonys be of such maner of kynde that who that handelyth hym..shall never be wery.  
 a1542 T. WYATT *Coll. Poems* (1969) 11, I ame not of suche maner condition.  
 1543 *More's Hist. Richard III* in *Chron. J. Hardyng* f. lxvi<sup>v</sup>, If suche kynde of woordes had not been.  
 1647 J. HOWELL *New Vol. of Lett.* 138 A holy kind of liquor made of such sort of flowers.  
 1670 T. S. & A. ROBERTS *Adventures Eng. Merchant* 200 When such kind of Reports are imprinted into the Fancy of the People.  
 1707 J. WARD *Young Mathematician's Guide* III. i. 284 Of such kind of Polygons there are infinite Varieties.  
 1804–6 S. SMITH *Elem. Sketches Moral Philos.* (1850) 110 Such sort of questions..are not merely innocent subtleties.  
 1841 F. E. PAGET *Tales of Village* (1852) 488 Such kind of things are not uncommon..among gay young men.

**34.**

**a. †*in such manner*:** in this or that way. ***in such manner*** or † ***sort***  
***as*:** in the way that, as.

- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 7779 So þat þe king in such manere suluer wan ynou.  
 1484 CAXTON tr. *Subtyl Historyes & Fables Esope* vii, He prayd in suche maner as foloweth.

- 1592 W. WEST *Symbolæogr. : 1st Pt.* §100 g, The one doth..covenant with the other to doe..some..thing or things in such sort as they haue concluded therof amongst themselues.
- 1628 T. HOBBS tr. Thucydides *Peloponnesian War* (1822) 47 In such sort as it should seem best.
- 1709 G. BERKELEY *Ess. New Theory of Vision* §72. 79 The Faintness, which enlarges the Appearance, must be applied in such Sort, and with such Circumstances, as have been observed to attend the Vision of great Magnitudes.
- 1818 W. CRUISE *Digest Laws Eng. Real Prop.* (ed. 2) IV. 395 In such sort, manner, and form..as the husband should thereafter..appoint.

**b. in such (a) manner or sort (arch.) as, as that, that:** in such a way that, so that.

- 1449 J. METHAM *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 301 Help me to adorune ther chauns in sqwyche manere, So that [etc.].
- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. clxx, Themperour answereth y<sup>e</sup> protestantes Ambassadors..in suche sorte as it coulde not be wel perceiued, whether [etc.].
- 1576 A. FLEMING tr. Cicero in *Panoplie Epist.* 59, I will write of my selfe..in such sort, that I varie not from the president..of many noble..personages.
- 1609 SHAKESPEARE *Sonnets* xcvi. sig. G, I loue thee in such sort, As thou being mine, mine is thy good report.
- 1625 BACON *Ess.* (new ed.) 129 Let him..moue it himselve, in such sort, as may foile it.
- 1665 J. BUNYAN *Holy Citie* To Rdr. sig. A ij<sup>v</sup>, That one so low..as I, should busie my self in such sort, as to meddle [etc.].
- 1678 J. MOXON *Mech. Dyalling* 10 Apply one of the sides of your Clinatory..to the Plane, in such sort that the Plumb-line..may fall upon the Circumference of the Quadrant.
- 1712 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 321. ¶30 In such a manner as they shall not be miss'd.
- 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 693/2 An index..which..is joined to the centre A, in such manner as that it can move round.
- 1821 SHELLEY *Let.* 8 June (1964) II. 297 In such a manner as it shall be difficult for the reviser to leave such errors.
- 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed* Concl., in *Tales Crusaders* II. 340 Damian shrunk together in such sort that his fetters clashed.
- 1885 T. C. FINLAYSON *Biol. Relig.* 31 But the man who is spiritually dead is, at the same time, in such sort living, that [etc.].

†**35. such-a-thing** = Thingumbob, What's-his-name. (Cf. French *Monsieur Chose*.) *Obs.*

- 1756 M. CALDERWOOD *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1884) vi. 167 Who knows who Mr. Such-a-thing is?

**36. such time as (or that):** the time when, the moment at which. (rarely with *as* omitted.) Occas. used (quot. 1634) as conjunctive phr. = When, while; also pleonastically with *when* (quot. a1616). *Obs.* or *arch.*

- 1411 *Rolls of Parl.* III. 650/2 Atte such resonable tyme as it likyth the forsaid Lord the Roos to assigne.
- 1518 in I. S. Leadam *Select Cases Court of Requests* (1898) 15 Vnto suche tyme as he..payde vnto the seid John for his fees ix.s.
- 1550 in *Rep. Royal Comm. Hist. MSS: Var. Coll.* (1907) IV. 220 Untyll suche tyme that Mr. Meyor..shall take any order for the same.
- 1611 M. SMITH in *Bible* (King James) Transl. Pref. ¶2 At such time as the professours and teachers of Christianitie..were liberally endowed.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Coriolanus* (1623) III. iii. 19 And when such time they haue begun to cry, Let them not cease.
- 1634 T. HERBERT *Relation Some Yeares Trauaile* 82 He attained the Georgian Confines, in a darke night, such time as the Persians slept.
- 1660 A. WOOD *Life & Times* (1891) I. 349 Till such time the sickness is ceased in their house.
- a1761 W. LAW *Comfort Weary Pilgrim* (1809) 16 Till such time as something has disturbed his state.

**37.** (See also SUCHWISE *adv.*)**a. in (†on) such (a) wise:** in such a manner, so, thus. *arch.*

- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 1 So that it myhte in such a wyse..Beleve to the worldes eere.  
 a1400 († a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Fairf. 14) l. 3292 He ..saide til hir on suche a wise. mayden saide he þou gif me drinke.  
 c1440 *Generydes* 34 Gret pite that she in suche a wyse Shuld sette hyr wurchippe atte so litill prise.  
 a1555 H. LATIMER *Frutefull Serm.* (1572) II. f. 185<sup>v</sup>, Whosoeuer in such wise fighteth with the deuil, shal haue the victory.  
 1838 E. B. BROWNING *Isobel's Child* vii, All smiles come in such a wise, Where tears shall fall or haue of old.  
 1887 W. MORRIS tr. Homer *Odyssey* I. XII. 224 Eurylochus spake in suchwise.  
 1913 D. BRAY *Life-hist. Brahui* i. 5 She believes that in such wise will it be given life.

**b. in (†by, †on, †upon) such wise:** in such a manner, so *that, as to*.

- a1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1956 Þis pinfule gin wes o swuch wise iginet, þet [etc.].  
 a1450 *Knt. de la Tour* xvii, To be ielous..in suche wise as to shame hym selff and his wiff.  
 1477 CAXTON tr. R. Le Fèvre *Hist. Jason* (1913) 30 The raynes of his horse faylled..in suche wise as he tumblid the hede vnder.  
 1490 CAXTON tr. *Foure Sonnes of Aymon* (1885) i. 28 He smote a knyghte..by suche a wyse that he ouerthrewe hym doun deed.  
 1569 R. GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 10 He destroyed the land..in such wise, that .ix. yeres after it lay vnlaboured.  
 1858 E. H. SEARS *Athanasia* x. 80 The pneumatology of the sacred writers brings home to us the doctrine of the resurrection in such wise as to give it [etc.].  
 1903 *Westm. Gaz.* 12 Jan. 10/1 He..gave proof of a cruel..disposition, in suchwise that [etc.].

**†c. in such wise as:** in the way that, as. *Obs.*

- 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 106 In such wise as he compasseth, His wit al one alle othre passeth.  
 1417 KING HENRY V in H. Ellis *Orig. Lett. Eng. Hist.* (1846) 3rd Ser. I. 61 [They] haue..doon theirre Ambassiat in suche wyse as we halde us wel apaide.  
 a1535 T. MORE *Dialoge of Comfort* (1553) II. xvi. sig. I.viii<sup>v</sup>, He y<sup>t</sup> is illuded by the Deuyll, is in suche wyse deceyued, and worse to, than be they by theyr dreame.  
 1630 W. PRYNNE *Anti-Arminianisme* 9 We must receiue Gods promises in such wise as they are generally set forth vnto vs.

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**38. as such.****a.** As being what the name or description implies; in that capacity.

- 1711 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 41. ¶5 When she observed Will. irrevocably her Slave, she began to use him as such.  
 1712 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 386. ¶2 Witty Men are apt to imagine they are agreeable as such.  
 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* XVI. 566/2 Her son was proclaimed *her* heir, and as such great duke of all the Russias.  
 1831 SCOTT *Castle Dangerous* xiii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 4th Ser. IV. 315 A Welsh knight, known as such by the diminutive size of his steed.  
 1851 W. B. CARPENTER *Man. Physiol.* (ed. 2) 434 Biliary matter does not pre-exist as such in the blood.  
 1851 A. W. PUGIN *Chancel Screens* 10 No parochial churches, built as such, ever had close screens.  
 1891 J. B. EDGE in *Law Times* 90 395/1 The defendant is the rector of the parish, and, as such, occupies the glebe land.  
 1911 *Act 1 & 2 Geo. V* c. 48 §4 The trade or business carried on in the house or place by the licence holder as such.

**b.** The sense 'in that capacity' passes contextually into: Accordingly,

consequently, thereupon. *colloq.* or *vulgar.*

- 1721 in H. J. F. Swayne *Churchwardens' Accts. Sarum* (1896) 351 [He] did..publicly Declare..That he had chosen the said William Clemens to be his parish Clerk..And bid the Congregation to..accept him—as such Witness Henry Biggs, F. Barber, [etc.].
- 1800 J. KING in *Corr. W. Fowler* (1907) 33, I very much longed to hear from you..and as such I did not the least esteem it for its having been delayed for the reasons assigned.
- 1814 W. FOWLER in *Corr. W. Fowler* (1907) 297 H. R. H. Princess Augusta..motioned for me to come to her Highness. As such she addressed me in the most pleasant manner possible.

**c.** (Earlier † **as it is such**, etc.) Intrinsically considered; in itself; *quâ* (so-and-so).

- 1654 Z. COKE *Art of Logick* 2 Philosophy, which comprehends Metaphysicks, which considereth things as they are such.
- 1670 MILTON *Hist. Brit.* vi. 291 True fortitude glories not in the feats of War, as they are such, but as they serve to end War soonest by a victorious Peace.
- 1678 R. CUDWORTH *True Intellect. Syst. Universe* i. v. 839 If Matter as such, had Life, Perception, and Understanding belonging to it.
- 1732 G. BERKELEY *Alciphron* I. ii. v. 80 Is there any thing in the nature of Vice, as such that renders it a public blessing?
- 1777 W. COWPER *Let.* 25 May (1979) I. 269 His later Epistles I think are worth little as such, but might be turn'd to excellent Account by a Young Student of Taste & Judgement.
- 1849 J. RUSKIN *Seven Lamps Archit.* vi. 169 History, as such, was indeed entrusted to the painters of its interior.
- 1884 B. BOSANQUET et al. tr. H. Lotze *Metaphysic* 68 The abstract conception of a *Thing as such*.