

so much



so much for (informal)

If you say **so much for sth**, you mean that it has not been successful or helpful.

- It's just started to rain! **So much for** our day on the beach!
- He arrived half an hour late – **so much for** his punctuality!

used to indicate that you have finished talking about a subject.

- **So much for** that – let's talk about something else.
- Well, **so much for** the producers. But what of the consumers?

only so much/many/for so long, etc.

used to say that a number or amount of something is limited.

- There is **only so much** pressure you can take before it affects your health.
- There are **only so many** (= only a limited number of) hours in a day.
- I can **only read for so long** before my eyes start to get tired.

so much so (that)...

to such an extent that / to such a great degree

- It was a great project, **so much so that** it won first prize.
- 'I was fascinated by the company, **so much so that** I wrote a book about it'

so much (UK)

an amount that you do not know or state exactly

- By the time you've paid **so much** for the ferry and **so much** for the train fare, it would be cheaper to go by plane.

so much the better (also all the better)

used for saying that if something is true or possible, it will be even nicer

- If you can go there this afternoon, **so much the better**.
- If they can do them both at the same time, then **so much the better**.