

so, such a, too, not ... enough

GRAMMARZONE

We use so + adjective or adverb;

- to emphasise the adjective or adverb
*Her clothes were **so** weird.*

We use such (a/an) + adjective + noun

- to emphasise the adjective before the noun
*Donna has **such a** loud voice.*
*They were **such** annoying people!*

Note: we often use *such a* with *lot (of)* + noun to mean a large number.

*I made **such a lot of** mistakes in my test.*

We use too + adjective or adverb (+ to infinitive)

- to mean 'more than is acceptable or possible'
*It was **too** hot to play tennis today.*
*I'm afraid your essay is **too** short.*

Note: We often use *too* and *so* with *much* or *many*

*We've bought **too much** food.*

*There are **so many** sandwiches.*

We use not + adjective + enough + to infinitive

- to mean 'less than is necessary' or 'less than is acceptable or possible'
*Keith **wasn't** brave enough to tell his teacher.*
*It's just **not** good enough!*

- We also use *not + verb + adverb + enough*
*Pam **didn't** work quickly enough to finish the test on time.*

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'My clothes aren't **warm enough** – it's too cold to play outside.'

1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 to / is / Harriet / feeling / too / sleep / stressed/.
- 2 Physics / such / subject / is / difficult / a / .
- 3 Brenda / too / argue / frightened / was / to / .
- 4 those / shoes / Are / enough / you / for / comfortable / ?
- 5 There / the / hours / aren't / in / enough / day / .
- 6 does / so / she / make-up / Why / wear / much / ?
- 7 is / horrible / Bullying / so / !
- 8 too / Some / television / watch / much / children / .

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C, to complete the sentences.

- 1 My sister Althea has many pairs of shoes.
A such B too C enough
- 2 She hasn't got space in her cupboard for them all.
A such B so C enough
- 3 Most of them are impractical, she never wears them.
A so B enough C such
- 4 She buys new shoes every week, which is a crazy thing to do!
A so B too C such
- 5 She doesn't earn money to pay for them all.
A so much B such a lot of C enough

3 Write the correct words in the gap to complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first. They must include too, so, such or enough.

- 1 Mrs Peppas has invited six people for lunch and she has got the right amount of food for them to eat.
Mrs Peppas has got for her six guests to eat for lunch.
- 2 Unfortunately, eight people arrived!
Unfortunately, people arrived.
- 3 She sent her son to buy some more food, as the shop was quite close.
She sent her son to buy some more food, as the shop was far away.
- 4 The weather was really warm, so they ate outside.
The weather was to eat outside.
- 5 They only had six chairs, so some people sat on the grass.
There were of people, some of them had to sit on the grass.
- 6 In the end there was some food left over, as she had prepared lots.
In the end, she had prepared food for them to eat.