

So, such, enough, too – to indicate degree¹

So* / such = 'very'. "It's so cold today!" "That's such a pretty dress!"

Too* = more than necessary. "£150! That's much too expensive for a pair of shoes."

Enough = the right amount of something. "We've bought a new car, so that we have enough space for all of us."

*can also be used with much and many to talk about the amount of something. So much/many = a lot of something; too much/many = more than we want or need:

"I've got so much work to do tonight."

"There are just too many cars on the roads these days."

1. So:

For degree, so + adjective = "I love watching Mr Bean. He's so funny!"

so + adverb = "He plays the piano so well!"

For amount, so + much/many + noun = "What a great party! We had so much fun!" (UC)

"We visited so many places." (C)

Verb + so = "I like his music so much."

So + nouns and verbs (informal, spoken English) = "That dress is so last year!"

"I'm so going to shout at him when I see him!"

2. Such:

Before an adjective and noun = "That's such a cute dog!" (C)

"We had such nice weather on holiday!" (UC)

Note:

so/such + that for cause and effect / reason and result:

"She felt so upset that she started to cry."

"They had such an awful time that they said they'd never go again."

3. Too:

too + adjective = "This restaurant's too crowded. Let's go somewhere else."

too + adverb = "You're walking too fast! Slow down!"

too much or too many + noun = "Ugh! You've put too much sugar in my tea!" (UC)

"I ate too many biscuits." (C)

not + too + negative = it isn't a problem! "It's not too late to buy tickets for the final."

4. Enough:

adjective + enough in positive sentences / questions = "Is it warm enough for you in here?"

not + adjective + enough in negative sentences = "He doesn't sleep well enough."

enough + noun in positive sentences / questions = "Do we have enough money?"

not + enough + noun in negative sentences = "There aren't enough knives and forks for all the guests."

sometimes enough is followed by to + verb infinitive = "She's definitely smart enough to become director."

¹ See also Intensifiers, Grammar