

SO - SUCH
TOO - ENOUGH

SO and SUCH

These “intensifiers” are used to give emphasis.

A. **SO** is used before:

- adjectives and adverbs without nouns.
e.g. : I’m **so tired**. I’ll have to go to bed.
- **much / many / little / few**
- e.g. : You shouldn’t eat **so many sweets** , Jack.

B. **SUCH** is used with or without an adjective before:

- Singular countable nouns (the indefinite article a / an is also needed)
e.g. : She’s got **such a wonderful voice**.

- Uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns (the article is not needed)
e.g. : Our neighbours are **such friendly people**.



c. **SO** and **SUCH** can both be used with a **that clause** to talk about the results or consequences.

e.g. : It was **such a** boring place **that** we decided to leave.
The place was **so** boring **that** we decided to leave.

e.g. : They are **such** nice children **that** everybody loves them.
The children are **so** nice **that** everybody loves them.



TOO and ENOUGH

Too and *Enough* are used with adjectives and indicate degree.

A. *TOO* means “more than necessary or desirable”.

- *Too + adjective or adverb*

e.g. : This jumper’s *too* big. Can I try a smaller size?

- *Too much / Too many + noun*

e.g. : I can’t eat this. There is *too much* salt in it.

There are *too many* people here. Let’s go outside.

- *Too + adverb / adjective (+ for + object) + infinitive*

e.g. : It’s *too cold to* play tennis today.

He spoke *too quickly for me to* understand him.



B. ENOUGH means “as much as necessary”.

- **Adjective / Adverb + enough**

e.g. : Are you *warm enough* or shall I turn the heating on?

- Enough + noun

e.g. : We’ll have to stand because there aren’t *enough chairs*.

- **Enough (+ for + object) + infinitive with to**

e.g. : I haven’t got *enough time* to see you today.

I’m not *tall enough* to reach the book.

The book wasn’t *cheap enough for the student to* buy.



FURTHER PRACTISE : Finish the sentences in such a way that they mean exactly the same as the one printed before.

1. The mp5 was **so** expensive **that** George couldn't afford it.
It was ... **such an** expensive mp5 **that** George couldn't afford it.
The mp5 ... was **too** expensive **for George to afford**.
The mp5 ... wasn't cheap **enough for George to afford**.
2. The instructions were too complicated for Kim to understand.
They were ... **such** complicated instructions **that** Kim couldn't understand them.
The instructions ... were **so complicated that** Kim couldn't understand them.
The instructions ... weren't clear **enough for Kim to understand**.
3. The food was awful. We complained to the hotel manager.
It was ...
The food was ...



Key to exercise 3 :

3. The food was awful. We complained to the hotel manager.
It was ... such awful food that we complained to the hotel manager.
The food ... was so awful that we complained to the hotel manager.

