The words too, so and enough are all degree modifiers. While so and enough have a positive meaning, too has a negative meaning. Can you use these modifiers correctly? Test your understanding with this interactive grammar exercise.

1. There was ......................... much work to do.
   too
   so
   enough
   Note the pattern too...to.

2. There was ......................... much work that I got hardly any rest.
   so
   enough
   too
   Note the pattern so...that.

3. If the water is warm ....................... , we may go for a swim.
   so
   enough
   too
   When enough is used as an adverb, it goes after the adjective or adverb modified by it.

4. The room is ......................... cold. Should I put the heating on?
   too
   so
   enough
   Too and so are possible here.

5. I didn't buy the coat because it was .........................
   too expensive
expensive enough
enough expensive
Too shows undesirable extremes. Enough indicates sufficiency.

6. We haven't got ......................... chairs.
too big
big enough
so big

7. The bag was ......................... heavy that I couldn't lift it.
too
enough
so
Note the pattern so...that.

8. He isn't ......................... to be a soldier.
enough tall
tall enough
Either could be used here
When enough is used as an adverb, it goes after the adjective it modifies.

9. I haven't got ......................... to take a holiday.
too much time
enough time
Either could be used here
Too shows undesirable extremes. Enough has a positive meaning.

10. The room is ......................... to accommodate ten people.
enough spacious
spacious enough
too spacious

Enough indicates sufficiency. Too shows undesirable extremes.

11. They are ....................... to buy a car.

rich enough
enough rich
too rich

12. If you drink ..................... coffee, you won't get good sleep.
enough
too
too much

PLAY AGAIN!

Answers

1. There was too much work to do.
2. There was so much work that I got hardly any rest.
3. If the water is warm enough, we may go for a swim.
4. The room is so / too cold. Should I put the heating on?
5. I didn’t buy the coat because it was too expensive.
6. We haven’t got big enough chairs.
7. The bag was so heavy that I couldn’t lift it.
8. He isn’t tall enough to be a soldier.
9. I haven’t got enough time to take a holiday.
10. The room is spacious enough to accommodate ten people.
11. They are rich enough to buy a car.
12. If you drink too much coffee, you won’t get good sleep.