

A enough

Enough goes *after* adjectives and adverbs:

- I can't run very far. I'm not **fit enough**. (*not enough fit*)
- Let's go. We've waited **long enough**.

Enough normally goes *before* nouns:

- We have **enough money**. We don't need any more.
- There weren't **enough chairs**. Some of us had to sit on the floor.

We also use **enough** alone (without a noun or adjective):

- We don't need more money. We have **enough**.

I'm not fit enough.



B too and enough

Compare **too ...** and **not ... enough**:

- You never stop working. You work **too hard**. (= more than is necessary)
- You're lazy. You **don't work hard enough**. (= less than is necessary)

Compare **too much/many** and **enough**:

- There's **too much furniture** in this room. There's not **enough space**.
- There were **too many people** and not **enough chairs**.

C enough/too + for ... and to ...

We say **enough/too ... for** somebody/something:

- Does Joe have enough experience **for the job**?
- This bag isn't big enough **for all my clothes**.
- That shirt is too small **for you**. You need a larger size.

We say **enough/too ... to** do something. For example:

- Does Joe have enough experience **to do** the job?
- Let's get a taxi. It's too far **to walk** home from here.
- She's not old enough **to have** a driving licence.

The next example has both **for ...** and **to ...**:

- The bridge is just wide enough **for two cars to pass** one another.

D too hot to eat etc.

We say:

The food was very hot. We couldn't eat **it**.
and
 The food was so hot that we couldn't eat **it**.
but
 The food was **too hot to eat**. (*not to eat it*)

In the same way we say:

- These boxes are **too heavy to carry**. (*not to carry them*)
- The wallet was **too big to put in my pocket**. (*not to put it*)
- This chair isn't **strong enough to stand on**. (*not to stand on it*)



Exercises

103.1 Complete the sentences using **enough** + the following words:

buses chairs cups hard room tall time vegetables warm wide

- 1 You're lazy. You don't work hard enough.
- 2 Some of us had to sit on the floor. There weren't enough chairs.
- 3 Public transport isn't good here. There aren't
- 4 I can't park the car here. The space isn't
- 5 I always have to rush. There's never
- 6 You need to change your diet. You don't eat
- 7 I'm not good at basketball. I'm not
- 8 The car is quite small. Do you think there's for five of us?
- 9 Are you ? Or shall I switch on the heating?
- 10 We can't all have coffee at the same time. We don't have

103.2 Complete the answers to the questions. Use **too** or **enough** + the word(s) in brackets.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Does Sophie have a driving licence? 2 I need to talk to you about something. 3 Let's go to the cinema. 4 Why don't we sit outside? 5 Would you like to be a politician? 6 Would you like to be a teacher? 7 Did you hear what he was saying? 8 Can he read a newspaper in English? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (old) <u>No, she's not old enough to have a driving licence.</u> (busy) Well, I'm afraid I'm to you now. (late) No, it's to the cinema. (warm) It's not outside. (shy) No, I'm a politician. (patience) No, I don't have a teacher. (far away) No, we were what he was saying. (English) No, he doesn't know a newspaper. |
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103.3 Make one sentence from two. Complete the new sentence using **too** or **enough** + **to ...**.

- 1 We couldn't carry the boxes. They were too heavy.
The boxes were too heavy to carry.
- 2 I can't drink this coffee. It's too hot.
This coffee is
- 3 Nobody could move the piano. It was too heavy.
The piano
- 4 Don't eat these apples. They're not ripe enough.
These apples
- 5 I can't explain the situation. It is too complicated.
The situation
- 6 We couldn't climb over the wall. It was too high.
The wall
- 7 Three people can't sit on this sofa. It isn't big enough.
This sofa
- 8 You can't see some things without a microscope. They are too small.
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