

Too / not enough**Too**

- 1 *Too* means 'more than necessary'. It is used in front of adjectives and adverbs.
He didn't take the job because the salary was too low.
She couldn't do the job well because she worked too slowly.
- 2 *Too* is also used in front of *much* / *many* when the quantity is larger than is wanted.
There were too many people on the first day so I went back the next day.
I didn't get the job because I asked for too much money.

Enough

- 1 *Enough* means the 'right amount'. *Not enough* means 'less than necessary'. It is used after adjectives and adverbs.
She wasn't old enough to vote.
He didn't work hard enough so he failed his exams.
- 2 *Not ... enough* is also used with nouns. *Enough* goes before the noun.
I don't have enough money to buy a new car.
There's not enough space in this office for more people.

B Speaking

- 1 We can say the same thing in different ways. Say these sentences in different ways using the prompts provided, as in the example.

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| 1 I don't earn enough. | My salary <i>is too low.</i> |
| 2 My office isn't large enough. | I don't have |
| 3 She is too busy to see you. | She has |
| 4 He was too tense at the interview. | He wasn't |
| 5 He wasn't young enough. | He |
| 6 My computer is too slow. | It doesn't have |
| 7 He made too many mistakes. | His English |
| 8 He laughs too much. | He |

- 2 In pairs talk about your own working or study conditions. What aspects are you not happy about? Use the ideas below to help you.

A	B
Travel	Homework
Hours worked	Exams
Length of day	Class size
Office – size, number of people	Social life
Responsibility	Teachers
Salary	Money
Boss	

- 3 Write down some sentences about your partner and tell the rest of the class.

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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| 1 Does Sophie have a driving licence? | (old) <u>No, she's not old enough to have a driving licence.</u> |
| 2 I need to talk to you about something. | (busy) Well, I'm afraid I'm _____ to you now. |
| 3 Let's go to the cinema. | (late) No, it's _____ to the cinema. |
| 4 Why don't we sit outside? | (warm) It's not _____ outside. |
| 5 Would you like to be a politician? | (shy) No, I'm _____ a politician. |
| 6 Would you like to be a teacher? | (patience) No, I don't have _____ a teacher. |
| 7 Did you hear what he was saying? | (far away) No, we were _____ what he was saying. |
| 8 Can he read a newspaper in English? | (English) No, he doesn't know _____ a newspaper. |

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.
Some _____.