

33 too, enough



1 too

We use *too* + adjective if something is bigger or more than we want or like.
We use *too* + adverb if something is faster, later, etc. than is good or safe.

too + ADJECTIVE	too + ADVERB
<i>This jacket's too big.</i> (bigger than I want)	<i>You'll be sick if you eat too quickly.</i> (faster than is good or safe)
<i>£75 is too expensive!</i> (more expensive than I want)	<i>I got up too late and missed the bus.</i>

too much, too many ➤ Unit 9.2

Compare *too* and *very*:

It's very hot today. (This is a fact.)

It's too hot today. (It's hotter than I want or like.)

2 (not) enough

If something is *enough*, it is the correct size, amount, speed, etc. for what we want:

ADJECTIVE + enough	ADVERB + enough
<i>This jacket isn't big enough.</i> (smaller than I want)	<i>I can't understand the teacher.</i>
<i>Are these jeans long enough?</i>	<i>She doesn't speak slowly enough.</i> (= She speaks too quickly.)
<i>He can learn to drive now. He's old enough.</i>	



~~Our car isn't enough big for six people.~~

✓ *Our car isn't big enough for six people.*

We can also use *(not) enough* before a plural or uncountable noun:

Do we have enough plates for fifteen people?

Can you pay for this? I don't have enough money.

3 too/not enough to do something

We use *too/not enough to do something* to say why something isn't possible:

	too + ADJECTIVE	not + ADJECTIVE + enough
<i>My sister can't vote because she's too young.</i>	<i>My sister's too young to vote.</i>	<i>My sister isn't old enough to vote.</i>

Practice

1 Match the sentences.

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| 0 This mobile phone is too old. | A It isn't big enough. |
| 1 That table is too small. | B It isn't cold enough. |
| 2 The air conditioning is too warm. | C It isn't fast enough. |
| 3 Your hair is too long. | D It isn't light enough. |
| 4 My suitcase is too heavy. | E It isn't new enough. |
| 5 Our car is too slow. | F It isn't short enough. |

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the advertisement with *too* or *enough*.

Supersizestores.com

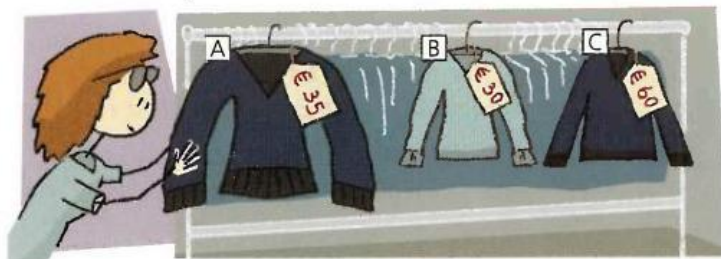
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Do you find that the clothes in the stores are always (0) *too* small for you? Perhaps the waist is (1) tight or the legs aren't long (2) Of course, there are shops that sell larger sizes, but people often find their designs aren't fashionable (3) They don't change their designs often (4) so there isn't (5) choice. And for many people their clothes are much (6) expensive. Well, now your problems are over!

At **Supersizestores.com** we offer a range of fashionable clothes in extra large and extra tall sizes. Our range is wide (7) to satisfy even the most fashionable customer!

3 Esther wants to buy a small dark blue jumper. She has €35 to spend. Write sentences with *too* or *enough*, and use the adjectives in brackets ().

- 0 A *is too big* (big)
- 1 A (small)
- 2 B (light)
- 3 B (dark)
- 4 C (expensive)
- 5 C (cheap)



4 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first. Use *too* or *enough* and the words in brackets (). Use short forms.

- 0 I don't want to go in the garden because it's cold. (cold)
It *'s too cold to go in the garden*
- 1 We can't go into the theatre because the play has already started. (late)
It*
- 2 The baby can't eat adult food because she is very young. (young)
She*
- 3 He can't rent a car because he is only seventeen. (old)
He*
- 4 I can't carry this bag because it's extremely heavy. (heavy)
This bag*
- 5 I can't use this bed because it's uncomfortable. (comfortable)
This bed*