

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

This jacket's too big. (bigger than I want)
£75 is too expensive!
(more expensive than I want)

too + ADVERB

You'll be sick if you eat too quickly.
(faster than is good or safe)
I got up too late and missed the bus.

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

This jacket isn't big enough. (smaller than I want)
Are these jeans long enough?
He can learn to drive now. He's old enough.

ADVERB + enough

I can't understand the teacher.
She doesn't speak slowly enough.
(= She speaks too quickly.)



- ~~*X 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

My sister can't vote because she's too young.

not + ADJECTIVE + enough

My sister's too young to vote.

My sister isn't old enough to vote.

Practice

1 Match the sentences.

- 0 This mobile phone is too old.
- 1 That table is too small.
- 2 The air conditioning is too warm.
- 3 Your hair is too long.
- 4 My suitcase is too heavy.
- 5 Our car is too slow.

- A It isn't big enough.
- B It isn't cold enough.
- C It isn't fast enough.
- D It isn't light enough.
- E It isn't new enough.
- F It isn't short enough.

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

Supersizestores.com

Visit our website now.

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