

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*)



The wallet doesn't fit in my pocket.

Exercises

103.1 Complete the sentences using **enough** + the following words:buses ~~chairs~~ cups ~~hard~~ room tall time vegetables warm wide

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

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