

Enough and too

A

The position of **enough**

Enough goes *after* adjectives and adverbs:

- He didn't get the job because he wasn't **experienced enough**. (not 'enough experienced')
- You won't pass the examination if you don't work **hard enough**.
- She shouldn't get married yet. She's not **old enough**.

The opposite is **too...** (**too hard** / **too old** etc.):

- You never stop working. You work **too hard**.

Enough normally goes *before* nouns:

- He didn't get the job because he didn't have **enough experience**. (not 'experience enough')
- I'd like to go away on holiday but I haven't got **enough money**.
- Some of us had to sit on the floor because there weren't **enough chairs**.

You can also use **enough** alone (without a noun):

- I'll lend you some money if you haven't got **enough**.

The opposite is **too much...** / **too many...**:

- We can't go away on holiday. It costs **too much** (money).
- There are **too many** people and not **enough** chairs.

B

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

- I haven't got **enough money for a holiday**.
- He wasn't experienced **enough for the job**.
- This shirt is **too big for me**. I need a smaller size.

But we usually say **enough/too...to** do something (not 'for doing'). So we say:

enough money to buy something **too young to do** something etc.

For example:

- I haven't got **enough money to go** on holiday. (not 'for going')
- He wasn't experienced **enough to do** the job.
- She's not **old enough to get** married. or She's **too young to get** married.
- Let's get a taxi. It's **too far to walk** home from here.
- There weren't **enough chairs for everyone to sit** down.
- They spoke **too quickly for us to understand**.

C

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 . (without 'it')



Some more examples like this:

- The wallet was **too big to put** in my pocket. (not 'too big to put it')
- These boxes are **too heavy to carry**. (not 'too heavy to carry them')
- The water wasn't clean **enough to swim** in.

EXERCISES

102.1 Complete these sentences using **enough** with one of the following adjectives or nouns:

adjectives: big ~~old~~ warm well

nouns: cups milk money qualifications room time

- 1 She shouldn't get married yet. She's not old enough.
- 2 I'd like to buy a car but I haven't got
- 3 Have you got in your tea or would you like some more?
- 4 Are you? Or shall I switch on the heating?
- 5 It's only a small car. There isn't for all of you.
- 6 Steve didn't feel to go to work this morning.
- 7 I didn't answer all the questions in the exam. I didn't have
- 8 Do you think I've got to apply for the job?
- 9 Try this jacket on and see if it's for you.
- 10 There weren't for everybody to have coffee at the same time.

102.2 Complete the answers to the questions. Use **too** or **enough** with the word in brackets.



- 1 Is she going to get married?
- 2 I need to talk to you about something.
- 3 Let's go to the cinema.
- 4 Why don't we sit in the garden?
- 5 Would you like to be a politician?
- 6 Do you want to play tennis today?
- 7 Did you hear what he was saying?
- 8 Can he read a newspaper in English?



- (old) No, she's not old enough to get married.
- (busy) Well, I'm afraid I'm to you now.
- (late) No, it's to the cinema.
- (warm) It's not in the garden.
- (nice) No, I'm a politician.
- (energy) No, I haven't got tennis today.
- (far away) No, we were what he was saying.
- (English) No, he doesn't know a newspaper.

102.3 Make one sentence from two. Complete the new sentence using **too** or **enough**.

- 1 We couldn't eat the food. It was too hot. The food was too hot to eat.
- 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 I don't wear this coat in winter. It isn't warm enough.
This coat
- 5 I can't explain the situation. It is too complicated.
The situation
- 6 Three people can't sit on this sofa. It isn't wide enough.
This sofa
- 7 We couldn't climb over the wall. It was too high.
The wall
- 8 You can't see some things without a microscope. They are too small.
Some

UNIT 102

102.1

- 2 enough money
- 3 enough milk
- 4 warm enough
- 5 enough room
- 6 well enough
- 7 enough time
- 8 enough qualifications
- 9 big enough
- 10 enough cups

102.2

- 2 too busy to talk
- 3 too late to go
- 4 warm enough to sit
- 5 too nice to be
- 6 enough energy to play
- 7 too far away to hear
- 8 enough English to read

102.3

- 2 This coffee is too hot to drink.
- 3 The piano was too heavy to move.
- 4 This coat isn't warm enough to wear in winter.
- 5 The situation is too complicated to explain.
- 6 This sofa isn't wide enough for three people to sit on.
- 7 The wall was too high to climb over.
- 8 Some things are too small to see without a microscope.