

TOO / ENOUGH

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Say when something is more than needed or not sufficient.

1. READ: Choosing a coat

Read the conversation. Notice the bold phrases with too and enough.

Mia: This coat's **too small**. I can't move my arms properly.

Dan: Try the blue one. The sleeves look **long enough**.

Mia: That's better, but it's **too expensive**.

Dan: How much have you got to spend?

Mia: Forty pounds. That's **not enough money** for this one.

Dan: Let's try the other shop. We've got **enough time** before lunch.

2. GRAMMAR: More than needed or sufficient?

Too means more than is wanted or suitable. Enough means sufficient for a particular need.

Pattern	Position	Example
too + adjective	Before the adjective	It's too hot to drink.
adjective + enough	After the adjective	It's warm enough.
enough + noun	Before the noun	We've got enough chairs.

Not enough: This room isn't big enough. We haven't got enough time.

Too often describes a problem; **very** only adds strength: very hot / too hot to drink.

For quantities: **too much** water; **too many** people.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: This bag is **too** / enough heavy.

1. This room isn't big enough / enough big.
2. We haven't got time enough / enough time.
3. The soup is too / enough hot to eat.
4. She has enough / too money for the ticket.
5. There are too much / too many people here.
6. You've put too much / too many salt in it.
7. The shelf is high enough / enough high.
8. This box is too / enough small for all my books.

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Getting a room ready

Choose the correct word or phrase in brackets. Use the clues in the conversation.

Eva: Six friends are coming. Have we got (1) _____ (enough / too) chairs?

Sam: Yes, eight. But the table is (2) _____ (too small / small enough) for six.

Eva: Let's use the big one. Is the room (3) _____ (warm enough / enough warm)?

Sam: Yes. Actually, it's (4) _____ (too / enough) hot. I'll open a window.

Eva: We haven't got (5) _____ (enough time / time enough) to cook.

Sam: Let's order pizza. Ten pizzas would be (6) _____ (too many / too much)!

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Correct the word order.

Example: It isn't enough warm. **It isn't warm enough.**

1. We haven't got chairs enough.

2. This room isn't enough quiet.

3-4: Rewrite using the word in brackets. Keep the meaning. Example: The bag is so heavy that I can't carry it. (too) **The bag is too heavy to carry.**

3. The soup is so hot that I can't eat it. (too)

4. The box is not big enough. (too)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three sentences about things around you. Use too, adjective + enough and enough + noun.

Example: **My bag is too heavy. This room is warm enough. We have enough desks.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Plan a picnic for six people. Discuss food, seats and time. Ask: **Have we got enough ...?**

2. Choose a bag for a trip. Describe one problem with **too** and one suitable feature with **enough**.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Sample target language from the conversation:

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A. CHOOSE

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| 1. big enough | 2. enough time |
| 3. too | 4. enough |
| 5. too many | 6. too much |
| 7. high enough | 8. too |

B. COMPLETE: Getting a room ready

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| 1. enough | 2. too small |
| 3. warm enough | 4. too |
| 5. enough time | 6. too many |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. We haven't got enough chairs.
2. This room isn't quiet enough.
3. The soup is too hot to eat.
4. The box is too small.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: My bag is too heavy. This room is warm enough. We have enough desks.

Teacher note: Enough is relative to a purpose or need. Do not teach too as simply a synonym of very. C3 practises too + adjective + to-infinitive; C4 requires the opposite adjective. Accept sensible personal and speaking answers.