

# 104 “Enough” and “too”

“Enough” is used when there is the correct degree or amount of something. “Too” is used when something is more than necessary or wanted.

See also:

Countable and uncountable nouns **70**  
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## 104.1 ADJECTIVE / ADVERB + “ENOUGH”

“Enough” can be used after an adjective or adverb to show that it’s the right degree.

ADJECTIVE + ENOUGH

This house is **big enough** for us.



ADVERB + ENOUGH



She isn’t speaking **loudly enough**. I can’t hear her.

## FURTHER EXAMPLES



This food isn’t **hot enough** to eat.



My bag is **big enough** for my books.



The traffic isn’t moving **quickly enough**.



I didn’t read the instructions **carefully enough**.

## 104.2 NOUN + “ENOUGH”

“Enough” and “not enough” can be used to talk about quantities of countable and uncountable nouns. “Enough” comes before the noun.

Do we have **enough balloons**?

Balloons are countable.



We only have two. That’s **not enough**.

“Enough” can also be used without a noun.

Do we have **enough food**?

Food is uncountable.



We have these snacks. That’ll be **enough**.



### 104.3 "TOO" + ADJECTIVE / ADVERB

"Too" can be used before an adjective or adverb to show that it's more than enough.

TOO + ADJECTIVE

That meal was **too big**. I'm so full. 

TOO + ADVERB

This bus is going **too slowly**. I'm going to be late. 

### FURTHER EXAMPLES

"Far" and "much" can be used before "too" for emphasis.



In winter my house is far **too cold**.



Jo takes her job much **too seriously**.



My coat is **too big** for me.



Jessica talks far **too quietly**.



Don't go swimming in the lake. It's **too dangerous**.



I'm never on time for work. I always wake up **too late**.

### 104.4 "ENOUGH" AND "TOO" WITH AN INFINITIVE CLAUSE

In English, "enough" and "too" are used with infinitive clauses. They state whether something is to the right degree or extent for the infinitive clause to happen.

Is this mango ripe **enough** to eat?



Yes, it's ripe **enough** to eat.



No, it's **not** ripe **enough** to eat.



No, it's **too** ripe to eat.

