

## Enough and too

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**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**.
- ☐ I can let you know tomorrow. Is that **soon 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)



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**Enough** normally goes *before* nouns:

- ☐ I can't run very far. I don't have **enough energy**. (*not energy enough*)
- ☐ Do we have **enough petrol**, or should we stop and get some?
- ☐ We've got **enough money**. We don't need any more.
- ☐ Some of us had to sit on the floor because there weren't **enough chairs**.

We also use **enough** alone (without a noun):

- ☐ We don't need to stop for petrol. We've got **enough**.

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**.

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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.

But we say **enough/too ... to** do something. For example:

- ☐ Does Joe have enough experience **to do the job**? (*not for doing*)
- ☐ We don't have enough money **to go on holiday right now**.
- ☐ She's not old enough **to have a driving licence**.  
She's too young **to have a driving licence**.
- ☐ Let's get a taxi. It's too far **to walk home from here**.

The following example has both **for ...** and **to ...**:

- ☐ The bridge is just wide enough **for two cars to pass each other**.

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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:

- ☐ 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*)

