

Too & Enough



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Too & Enough: Summary

1. adverb / adjective + enough
2. adjective + enough + to-infinitive
3. not + adjective + enough + to-infinitive
4. too + adjective / adverb
5. too + adjective + to-infinitive
6. for + noun / pronoun



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1. adverb / adjective + enough

'Enough' is used after adjectives or adverbs. It has a positive meaning: 'sufficient'.

1. Adverb + enough

- We are walking **quickly enough**.
- Am I talking _____?
- She is not singing _____.



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2. Adjective + enough

- I am **kind enough**.
- He is not _____.
- The blanket is _____.



2. adjective + enough + to-infinitive

He is clever. He gets the best marks in the school.

- He is **clever enough to get** the best marks in the school.

She is fast. She beats me in the race.

- She is **fast enough to beat** me.

My cat is lazy. She falls asleep anywhere.

- My cat is **lazy enough to fall** asleep anywhere.



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2. adjective + enough + to-infinitive

• Jessica is noisy. She wakes up her little sister.

• *Jessica is* _____ *up her little sister.*

• Joseph is wise. He crosses the road carefully.

• *Joseph is* _____ *the road carefully.*

• My father is strong. He can carry both me and my brother.

• *My father is* _____ *both me and my brother.*



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3. not + adjective + enough + to-infinitive

He is stupid. He does not get the best marks in the school.

• He is **not clever enough to get** the best marks in the school.

She is slow. She cannot beat me.

• She is **not fast enough to beat** me.

My cat is hard-working. She does not fall asleep anywhere.

• My cat is **not lazy enough to fall** asleep anywhere.



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3. not + adjective + enough + to-infinitive

• Jordan is very short. She cannot reach the top shelf.

• *Jordan is* _____ *the top shelf.*

• The speaker was very boring. He could not make the audience listen.

• *The speaker was* _____ *make the audience listen.*

• Robin is nervous. He cannot present in front of people.

• *Robin is* _____ *in front of people.*



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4. too + adverb / adjective

'Too' is used before adjectives or adverbs. It has a negative meaning: 'more than necessary'.

1. Too + Adverb

• We are walking too quickly.

• Am I talking _____?

• They are working _____.



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2. Too + Adjective

• I am too full.

• He is _____.

• The blanket is _____.



5. too + adjective + to-infinitive

- I am **too full to eat** more cake.
- The tea is _____.
- She is **too kind to tell** you the truth.
- You are _____ in the child's swing.
- They are **too naughty to go** on the school trip.



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5. too + adjective + to-infinitive

- I am busy. I cannot go swimming with you today.
 - I am _____ **swimming with you today.**
- This jumper is thin. It cannot keep me warm.
 - **This jumper is** _____ **me warm.**
- You are well-behaved. You cannot get a detention.
 - **You are** _____ **a detention.**



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6. for + noun / pronoun

If the subject of the main verb is different from the subject of the infinitive, use 'for + noun / pronoun' before the infinitive.

- The hill is high. My grandmother can't climb it.
 - *The hill is too high **for my grandmother** to climb.*
- That dress isn't stylish. You can't wear it.
 - *That dress _____.*



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6. for + noun / pronoun

Note that we don't use the object pronoun after the infinitive.

- The hill is high. My grandmother can't climb it.
 - *The hill is too high **for my grandmother** to climb **it**.*
- That book is difficult. You cannot read it till secondary school.
 - *That book _____.*



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Exercise: Proofreading

Look at the following sentences. Which are correct?

1. This exam is too difficult for you to do it.
2. Are you revising hard enough?
3. The bed isn't soft enough for me to sleep on.
4. She is too young to answering the phone.



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Exercise: Proofreading

Look at the following sentences. Which are correct?

5. The people there are poor enough to afford good housing.
6. She is not doing her homework enough quickly.
7. I am too angry for me to forgive her.
8. There isn't enough wind for me to fly my kite.



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