

UNIT
95

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 exam if you don't work **hard enough**.
- She can't get married yet. She's not **old enough**.

Enough goes *before* nouns:

- He didn't get the job because he didn't have **enough experience**. (*not experience enough*)
- I'd like to take a vacation, but I don't have **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 don't have **enough**.

b After **enough** and **too** you can say **for someone/something**:

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

But we do not usually say "enough/too . . . for doing something." We use the *infinitive* after **enough** and **too**. So we say "**enough** money **to do** something," "old **enough to do** something," "too young **to do** something," etc.:

- I don't have **enough money to take** a vacation. (*not for taking*)
- He wasn't **experienced enough to do** the job.
- She's only sixteen. She's not **old enough to get** married. (*or She's too young to get married.*)
- Let's take a taxi. It's **too far to walk**.
- There weren't **enough chairs for everyone to sit down**.
- The weather wasn't **nice enough to go** swimming.
- She spoke **too quickly for us to understand**.

c We say:

- The food was so hot that we couldn't eat **it**.

and: The food was very hot. We couldn't eat **it**.

or we say:

- The food was **too hot to eat**. (*without "it"*)

Here are some more examples like this:

- That picture is **too heavy to hang** on the wall.
- I had to carry my wallet in my hand. It was **too big to put** in my pocket.
- The water wasn't **clean enough to swim in**.

UNIT 95 Exercises

95.1 Complete these sentences using **enough** with one of the following words:

big ~~old~~ warm well cups money qualifications room time

1. She can't get married yet. She's not *old enough*.....
2. Tom would like to buy a car, but he doesn't have
3. I couldn't make coffee for everybody. There weren't
4. Are you? Or shall I turn on the heat?
5. It's only a small car. There isn't for all of you.
6. George didn't feel to go to work this morning.
7. I didn't finish 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.

95.2 Answer these questions using the words in parentheses (. . .).

Example: "Is she getting married." (not old enough)

"No, *she isn't old enough to get married.*"

1. "Why can't you talk to me now?" (too busy) "I'm too now."
2. "Let's go to the movies." (too late) "No, it's movies."
3. "Why don't we sit outside?" (not warm enough)
"It's not....."
4. "Would you like to be a politician?" (too nice)
"No, I'm"
5. "Are you going away on vacation this year?" (not enough money)
"No, I don't have....."
6. "Shall we take a picture?" (too dark) "No,"
7. "Did you hear what he was saying?" (too far away)
"No, we"
8. "Can she make herself understood (in English)?" (not enough English)
"No, she doesn't speak"
9. "Does Harry work?" (too lazy) "No, he's"

95.3 Make one sentence (using **too** or **enough**) from the two sentences given.

Example: We couldn't eat the food. It was too hot. *The food was too hot (for us) to eat.*

1. I can't drink this coffee. It's too hot. This coffee is
2. Nobody could move the piano. It was too heavy.
The piano
3. I can't wear this coat in winter. It's not warm enough.
This coat
4. Don't stand on that chair. It's not strong enough.
That chair
5. Six people can't fit in this car. It's not big enough for six people.
This car