

Enough

Hello and welcome back, in this lesson we will be identifying the various ways in which we can use the word 'enough'.

'Enough' can be used to qualify an adjective or an adverb or it can go with a noun or even act as a pronoun.



With adjectives and adverbs

When using enough, it always comes after adjectives and adverbs.

She isn't tall enough to be a ballet dancer.



I'm not big enough to ride the pony.



With nouns

When using enough, it always comes before nouns.

*There isn't enough bread
to make sandwiches.*



*I don't have enough
money to buy that.*



Remember! Adjective before, noun after.

Enough of

We don't use **enough of** unless there is a determiner (*an article, this/that, my/your/his etc*).

We use enough of when there is a determiner.

There isn't enough of bread



I've had enough of your nonsense! ('Your' is a determiner here.)



Enough can also be used without a noun.

That's enough! Be quiet!



Enough is enough.



When **enough** comes between the adjective and the noun (big enough nails) it qualifies the adjective – it tells us that the nails aren't big enough.

When **enough** comes before the adjective it qualifies the noun phrase – it tells us that there aren't enough nails.

With adjective and noun

When 'enough' is used with an adjective and a noun, two positions are possible but the meaning changes. Look at these two sentences.

We haven't got big enough nails.
None of the nails are as big as we need.



We haven't got enough big nails.
We have some big nails but we need more.



Test yourself

Complete the sentences with *enough/not enough* or *not ___ enough* and words from the box.

fast
big
time
hot
beds
water

1. He wants to be a sumo wrestler but he's _____.



2. I am so busy! I want to sit and watch T.V but I just don't have _____.



3. He tried to win the race but he came third, he wasn't _____



4. This bath is freezing! The water is _____



5. You will have to sleep on the floor there are _____



6. There is _____ to make a cup of tea!
What is wrong with the pipes?

