

Making comparisons in English

Key Vocabulary: 'enough', 'too', 'as ... as'

'Enough'

- 'Enough' means '**as much as necessary**'. It can be used with an adjective, an adverb, a verb or a noun. It can also act as a pronoun.

'Enough' used with an adjective or an adverb

- An adjective is a word naming an attribute/characteristic of a noun.
- An adverb is a word describing how a verb (action) is done.
- 'Enough' comes after adjectives and adverbs.
 - *I'm not **tall enough** to reach the top shelf.*
 - *Your marks are **good enough** to study engineering at university.*
 - *I couldn't **write quickly enough** and I ran out of time.*
 - *I have **worked here often enough** to know what to do.*
- **Exercise: Think in each sentence if “enough” is an adjective or adverb.

'Enough' used with a verb

- A verb is a word used to describe an action.
 - When used with a verb, the word 'enough' comes after the verb.
 - *It is important that you **drink enough** water everyday.*
 - *I don't **read enough** books but I am going to read more this summer.*
 - *If you don't **eat enough** now you will be hungry later.*
- ** Exercise: Now make one sentence using the word 'enough' with a **verb**.

'Enough' used with a noun

- A noun is the name of an object, place or person.
- When used with a noun, the word 'enough' comes before the noun.
 - *There isn't **enough bread** to make sandwiches.*
 - *Have you got **enough money**?*
- **Exercise: Now make one sentence using the word 'enough' with a **noun**.

'Too'

- The word 'too' is used to describe when there is more than is needed or wanted of something. It can also be used at the end of a sentence as an alternative to 'as well' or 'also'.

*This coffee is **too sweet**.*

*The car was going **too fast** before it crashed.*

*I was **too cold** without my coat.*

****Exercise: Make a sentence using "too"**

'Too' added to the end of a sentence.

- For example:
 - *Helen's got a lovely voice, and **she's a good dancer too.***
 - *'I'm starting to feel hungry.' **'Me too.'***
- Now create a dialogue where you would use the phrase '**me too**'.

- <https://youtu.be/q4xfTdojGEM>

- Here is a video explaining the use of the words 'enough' and 'too'.

Using 'as ... as' to make comparisons

- Watch this video
 - <https://youtu.be/-6zIumhE9cE>
- Here is a shorter video focusing on using 'as +adjective/adverb as'.
 - <https://youtu.be/g9IcYDdNISM>

Use of the phrase 'as ... as'

- This phrase is used when comparing two things. It can be used in positive or negative way.
- We often use the structure 'as + adjective + as' or 'as much as' to say if something has, or doesn't have, the same amount of that quality as something else.

'as ... + adjective ... as'

- This structure is often used to say if something does or doesn't have the same amount of that quality as something else. For example:
 - *He's **not as tall as** his brother.*
 - *It's **not as expensive as** the other hotel.*
 - *That dog is **as big as** that child!*
- Now make four sentences using 'as ... +adjective ... as'. Two negative and two positive.