USE TOO, ENOUGH, MANY, MUCH

Have you ever been in a conversation, wanting to express that there is an excess or a sufficient amount of something, and wondered which of these words to use: "too," "too much," "too many," or "enough"? Don't worry, you're not alone. These words may seem similar, but they have very different meanings and uses. In this topic, we're going to break down each one, so get ready to clear up your doubts and improve your English. Let's dive into the fascinating world of **quantities** and **intensities**.

Too

Before an adjective/adverb

We use too before an adjective or an adverb to mean 'more than we need' or 'more than is necessary'.

- *You are too young to enter this club.*
- *We arrived too late.*

Too much

Before an uncountable noun

We can use too much before uncountable nouns to mean 'more than we need' or 'more than is necessary'.

- *The doctor said that I drink too much coffee.*
- *I hate this city. There's too much traffic.*

After a verb

We can also use too much after a verb.

- *You can't take the car. You've drunk too much.*
- *He talks too much.*

Too many

Before a plural noun

We use too many before plural nouns to mean 'more than we need' or 'more than is necessary'.

- *I didn't enjoy the concert. There were too many people.*
- *They lost because they made too many mistakes.*

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Enough

Before a noun

We can use enough + noun to say that something is the correct number or amount.

- *I have saved enough money to go to Rome on holiday.*
- *Do you have enough butter to cook?*

In negative sentences, we use (not) enough + noun to say that something is less than we want or need.

- *We don't have enough money to travel.*
- *I don't have enough time to finish my homework before Monday.*

After an adjective/adverb

We can use adjective/adverb + enough to mean 'sufficiently'.

- *This bed is big enough for the four of us.*
- *I think she spoke clearly enough. Everybody understood what she meant.*

In negative sentences, we can use (not) adjective/adverb + enough to mean 'less than we want' or 'less than necessary'.

- *You aren't old enough to enter this club.*
- *You aren't going fast enough. We are going to be late.*

After a verb

We can also use verb + enough.

- *I didn't study enough, and I failed the exam.*
- *I think you don't sleep enough. You should sleep seven or eight hours a day.*

Too, too much, too many, enough + to + infinitive

In English, we often use a to-infinitive with the expressions too, too much, too many, enough.

- *I was too tired to go clubbing.*
- *She makes enough money to sustain her family.*

Be careful with these common mistakes!

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Don't use an adjective after too much:

- *I'm too much tired to study now.* ✗
- *I'm too tired to study now.* ✓

Don't confuse the word too (=more than enough) with the word very.

- *I think she is too beautiful.* ✗
- *I think she is very beautiful.* ✓

Grammar chart

Reference:

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