

Both, several, enough

Introduction



There are **several** problems. Firstly, we don't have **enough** information about the situation in Asia. Also, we need **both** money and time in order to investigate.

Definition

Both, **several** and **enough** are quantifiers.

Both = two things or people.

Several = an imprecise number.

Enough = all that is necessary.

Construction

Both	+ plural noun	Both days are OK for me.
	without a noun	Both are OK for me.
	+ two singular nouns	Both Monday <u>and</u> Wednesday are OK for me.
	after a noun	Those days are both OK for me.

With countable nouns

With uncountable nouns

Several	It happened several days ago.	✘
Enough	We have enough cups.	We don't have enough coffee.

Uses

Use	Examples
To emphasise a similarity between two things or people	They both like coffee.
To emphasise not one but <u>two</u> things or people	He confirmed both the date <u>and</u> the time of the meeting.
To talk about adjectives and actions - not only nouns	This car is available in both red and blue. She can both sing and dance.
When we don't use an exact number	We need to make several important decisions.
To talk about all that is necessary	We recruited a researcher last week - now we have enough people in the team.

'Several'

Note that we use **several** in formal contexts more than in conversation. For example:

There was a serious accident on the motorway and **several** people were injured.
There are **several** interesting books on this subject.

'Enough'

As a quantifier, we use **enough** before nouns:

We have **enough** tea.

We don't have **enough** coffee.

Do we have **enough** sugar?

But when it is an **adverb of degree**, we use it after verbs, adjectives and other adverbs:

I don't sleep **enough**.

He doesn't work fast **enough**.

This room is big **enough**.

Examples



You can ask Maria or George for help - they're **both** experts.



Both my son and my daughter are behaving badly today.



She dropped **both** her bags.



They visited **several** European countries.



I don't have **enough** money.



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