

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

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| 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

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

Uses

| Use | Examples |
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| 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.



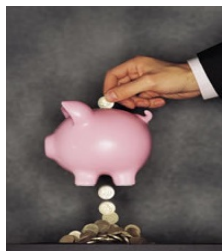
Both my son and my daughter are behaving badly today.



She dropped **both** her bags.



They visited **several** European countries.



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



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