

# 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

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

With countable nouns

With uncountable nouns

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

## Uses

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



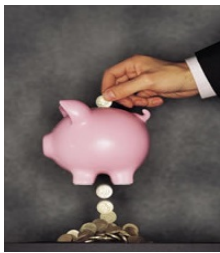
**Both** my son and my daughter are behaving badly today.



She dropped **both** her bags.



They visited **several** European countries.



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

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