

3.6

USE OF ENGLISH

too and not enough

I can express sufficiency and insufficiency with enough and too.

1 1.56 Listen to four conversations between people who have just been to the places in the photos. Match conversations 1–4 with photos A–D.

2 1.56 Listen again and choose the correct option.

- 1 I think I fell asleep. It was *too* / *enough* long for me.
- 2 Her voice wasn't *loud enough* / *enough loud*.
- 3 There were far *too many* / *too much* people in there.
- 4 The room was very *crowded* / *too crowded* to see it properly.
- 5 She didn't sing *enough* / *too much* hits.

3 Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS. Complete sentences 1–7 by putting the word in capitals in the correct place in the sentence.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

too and not enough

You use **too** and **not enough** to show there is a problem with something.

- **too** + adjective/adverb or **not + adjective/adverb + enough**:
The music was *too* quiet.
They didn't play *loudly enough*.

- **too much/many** + noun or **not enough** + noun:
There were *too many* people.
There wasn't *enough* space.

Note: You also use **not too** and **enough** to say that something is possible.

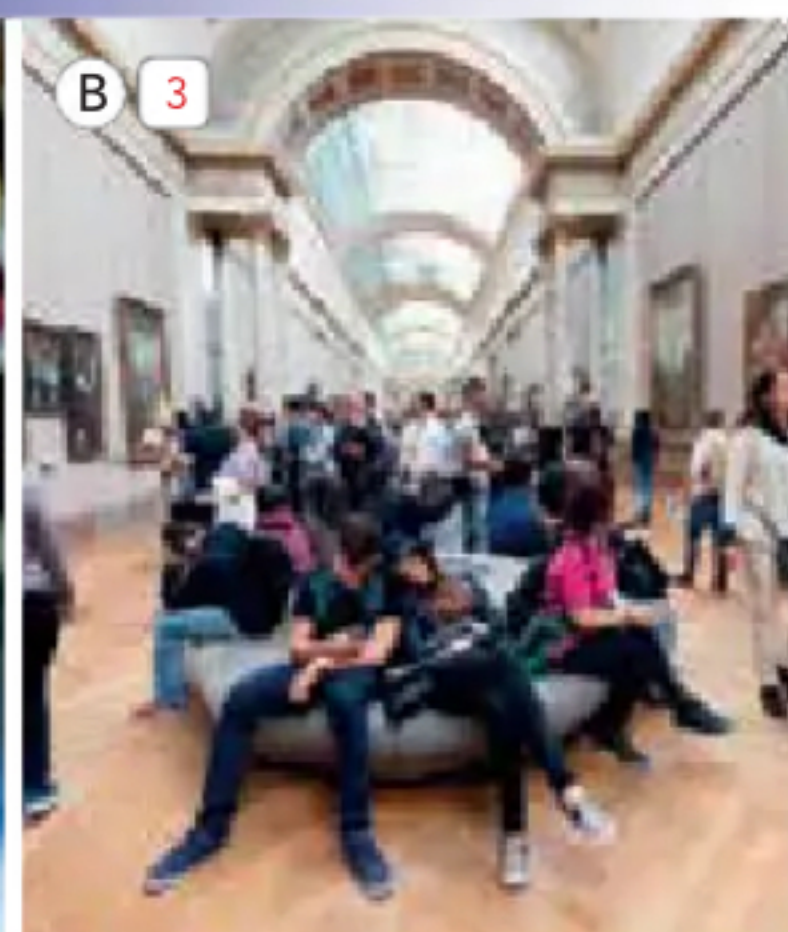
This song is not too hard to learn.
This song is easy enough to learn.

- 1 There are many talent shows on TV these days. **TOO**
- 2 The dialogue is never loud when you watch a film on the TV. **ENOUGH**
- 3 People spend much time watching on-demand TV series. **TOO**
- 4 The plots in modern thrillers are often *too* complex to follow. **TOO**
- 5 Actors in crime dramas don't usually speak clearly **ENOUGH**
- 6 Period dramas are slow and boring for young people to watch. **TOO**
- 7 There isn't comedy on TV any more. **ENOUGH**

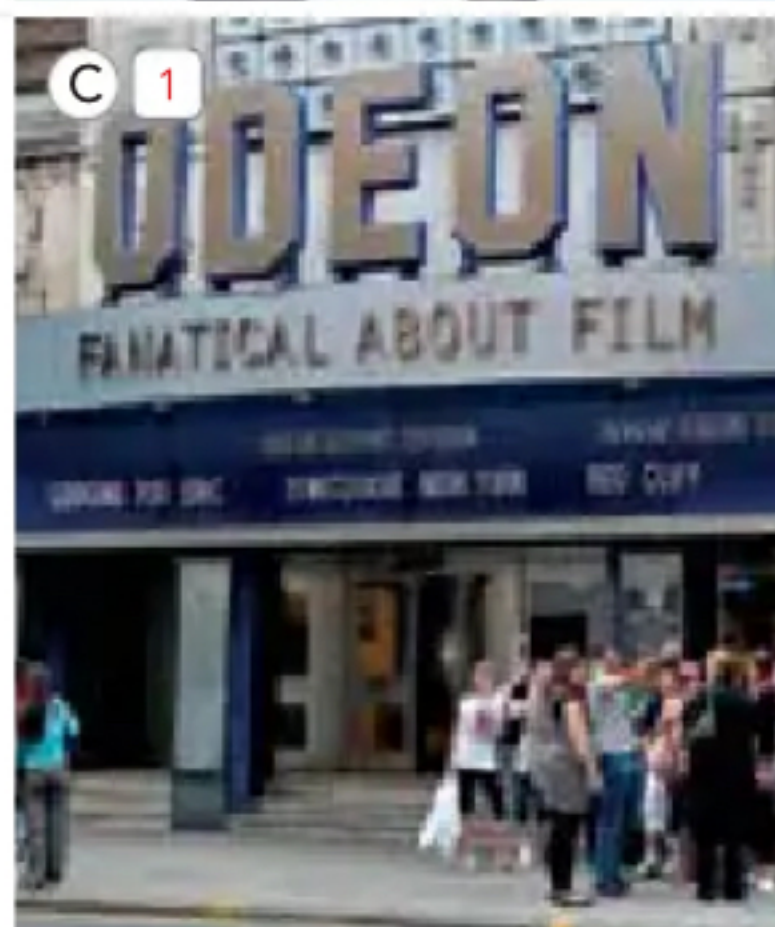
4 **SPEAKING** Discuss if you agree or disagree with the statements in Exercise 3.



A 4



B 3



C 1



D 2

5 Complete the sentences with **too** or **not enough** and the adjectives in brackets. Are any of the sentences true for you?

- 1 I'm *not old enough* to watch X-rated films. You have to be eighteen. (old)
- 2 I don't go to the cinema much: tickets are _____. (expensive)
- 3 I'm _____ to perform on the stage. (shy)
- 4 I'm _____ to remember music from the 1990s! (young)
- 5 I'm _____ to learn a musical instrument. (talented)
- 6 I don't download films. My Internet connection is _____ (fast).

6 **USE OF ENGLISH** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- 1 Our music teacher speaks too softly. I can't hear her. **ENOUGH**
Our music teacher _____. I can't hear her.
- 2 There are too many Arts students compared to Science students. **NOT**
There _____ compared to Arts students.
- 3 I don't have enough free time to take on a role in the school play. **BUSY**
I'm _____ to take on a role in the school play.
- 4 The old school hall wasn't big enough to put on concerts. **TOO**
The old school _____ to put on concerts.