

Too and enough with opposites reversi memory game

Instructions for teachers

Preparation

Choose 10 to 15 cards which are most suitable for your students, some of which they already know but most of which are probably unknown (but are suitable for their level), e.g. four from Level 1 and nine from Level 2. Photocopy and cut out the cards so that the two parts which mean the same are still attached to each other, with one pack per group of two to four students. Ask students to fold the cards so that the part with “too...” and the part with “not... enough” are on opposite sides, then put them in a line on the table, with either side up.

Playing the game

The first person tries to guess what is on the opposite side of the first card. If their guess is correct, they leave the card the other way up and try the next card, continuing until they make a mistake. Their guess must be the same words as on the other side, but if more than one option is given then they only need to say one of them.

After they make a mistake and stop, the next person then does the same, starting from the first cards the other way around (because their partner already did them and left them the other way up), then hopefully continuing with cards which no one has tried yet. The winner is the first person to do the whole row of cards in order in one go without making a mistake. Everyone must start from the first card each time.

Level 1

too sad to sing	too bad at dodgeball	too short to play basketball
not happy enough to sing	not good enough at dodgeball	not tall enough to play basketball
too big/ large for my suitcase	too young for school	too slow to win
not small enough/ little enough for my suitcase	not old enough for school	not fast enough to win/ not quick enough to win
this belt is too short	this smartphone is too old	
this belt isn't long enough	this smartphone isn't new enough	

Level 2

this lesson is too boring	too loud for the library	too far to jump
this lesson isn't interesting enough	not quiet enough for the library	not near enough/ not close enough to jump
the sandwich is too thin	the homework is too easy	too early to sleep
the sandwich isn't thick enough	the homework isn't hard enough/ difficult enough	not late enough to sleep
too dark to see	this room is too dirty	too expensive to buy
not light enough to see/ not bright enough to see	this room isn't clean enough	not cheap enough to buy

Level 3

this tea is too weak	too poor to marry	too high to jump over/ too tall to jump over
this tea isn't strong enough	not rich enough to marry	not low enough/ short enough to jump over
too heavy to lift	too narrow for the truck	too rough to slide on
not light enough to lift	not wide enough/ not broad enough for the truck	not smooth enough to slide on
too dangerous for children	too dry to grow flowers	
not safe enough for children	not wet enough to grow flowers	