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Too and Very

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Hi, I'm Phil from BBC Learning English. Today I'm going to tell you how to use **too** and **very**.

They are both intensifiers – but they don't mean the same thing. We use **very** to make an adjective, or an adverb stronger. So we can say, **The building is very old**. That could be a good thing. It's beautiful. Or it could be a bad thing - it's falling down.

Or it might not matter. If we use **too** (with two Os), then it means it's a problem. Could say, **it's too easy**. It means 'it's a waste of time'. It's a problem! **It's not too difficult** – in fact, **it's very easy**. Just remember that if we use **too**, it's a problem.