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suf·fi·cient  (sə-ˈfīsh ənt)

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adj.

1. Being as much as is needed; adequate; enough.
2. *Archaic* Competent; qualified.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *sufficiēns*, *sufficient-*, present participle of *sufficere*, to suffice; see [SUFFICE](#).]

suf·fi·cient·ly *adv.*

Synonyms: sufficient, acceptable, adequate, enough, satisfactory

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