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There is /There are. How many.

THERE IS - THERE ARE

"My Bedroom

I live in a small house. In my bedroom there is a big window and there are two big orange beds. Next to the door, there is a table and a chair. There is a computer on the table. Next to the table there is a brown wardrobe and under the table there is a green plant. There are three books on the bed and there is a yellow lamp next to the window."

Use

We use **there is** and **there are** when we refer to the existence or presence of someone or something. We use **there is** for singular and uncountable nouns, and **there are** for plural countable nouns.

- **There's** a book on your desk, jack wants to read it. (Singular countable noun)
- **There's** some milk in the bottle. (Uncountable noun)
- **There are** five eggs in the basket. (Plural countable noun)

There is and **There's** are both singular forms. But we use **there's** more commonly in informal speaking.

- He's very determined and **there's** no chance he will change his mind.

There are is the plural form of **there is** and **there's**.

- **There are** two new buildings next to the university. They are both Science buildings.

Affirmative form:



Affirmative



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| There is + singular noun | There is a cat on the roof. |
| There is + uncountable noun | There is some flour in the box. |
| There are + countable plural noun | There are two doctors in the hospital. |

PRACTISE:

Complete with **There is/There are**

- _____ five pens in the pencil case.
- _____ a bike in the garage.
- _____ some dishes in the sink.
- _____ a party going on next door.
- _____ two windows in my bedroom.
- _____ many people in this cinema.
- _____ a hole in my trouser.
- _____ five cats in his house.
- _____ sixty minutes in one hour.
- _____ a singer who looks just like me.

Negative form:



Negative



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| There isn't + singular noun | There isn't a dog on the roof. |
| There isn't + uncountable noun | There isn't any oxygen on Jupiter. |
| There aren't + countable plural noun | There aren't any Aliens here. |

We make the negative form by putting **not** after **is** or **are**.

- There is **not** a cow on the farm.
- There are **not** five children in the yard.

* We almost always use contractions when speaking.

- ✓ there is not = There's not = there isn't
- ✓ There are not = there aren't

SOME and ANY

With plural countable nouns we can either give the quantity ("nine people") or use "**some**" if we don't know the exact quantity.

- "**There are nine people** in the office". (We can see nine people exactly)
- "**There are some people** in the office". (We don't know exactly how many people)

With uncountable nouns we also use **some**.

- "There's **some** flour in the pocket". (I don't know the exact quantity)

Remember with singular countable nouns we use **a/an, the** or another determiner or pronoun...not "some". Remember also that **some** is only used in affirmative sentences. For negative and/or interrogative sentences use **any**.

- "**There's an** old man in the park".
- "**There's the** man who works in the hospital."
- "**There's** my brother in the photo."

Negative forms:

Using **any** in negative and question forms:

Negative with ANY

There **aren't** + **any** + plural countable noun There **aren't** **any** markers here.

There **isn't** + **any** + uncountable noun There **isn't** **any** snow on the ground.

ANY doesn't generally go with singular countable nouns.
"There isn't a pen on the desk."

Note: we don't use *some* with negative or interrogative forms.

Incorrect: There aren't some birds on that tree.

Correct: There aren't any birds on that tree.

Incorrect: Are there some books on the shelf?

Correct: Are there any books on the shelf?

Interrogative forms:

Yes/no questions

- To form **yes/no** question we place **is/are** in front of **there**.

Interrogative

There **is** a singer in Dreams 'N Motion. There **are** many good people there.

Is there a singer in Dreams 'N Motion ? **Are there** many good people there ?

Again we use **any** with plural questions or those which use uncountable nouns.

1. **Is there a cat** in the pet shop?

- ✓ Yes, there is.

2. **Are there any** teachers at school?

- ✓ No, there aren't.

3. **Is there any** sugar in the jar?

- ✓ Yes, there is.

HOW MANY and HOW MUCH

We use **how much** and **how many** to ask about quantity.

HOW MUCH for questions with Uncountable Nouns

- ✓ **How much** money did you earn this month?
- ✓ **How much** fog is there outside?

HOW MANY for questions with Countable Nouns

- ✓ **How many** members does Dreams 'N Motion have?
- ✓ **How many** siblings do you have?

EXERCISE 1: Choose the correct answer.

1. a TV in the room.

- a) There is
- b) There are
- c) Is there
- d) Are there

2. a woman in the garden?

- a) Is there
- b) Are there
- c) There is
- d) There are

3. many chairs here.

- a) There are
- b) Is there
- c) There is
- d) Are there

4. two carpets in the room?

- a) Is there
- b) Are there
- c) There is
- d) There are

5. Sarah , a bench in the garden?

- a) there is
- b) is there
- c) there are
- d) are there

6. "Is there much coffee in the cup?" "No, there much."

- a) isn't
- b) is
- c) aren't
- d) are

7. many boys and girls in the photo?.

- a) Is there
- b) There are
- c) There is
- d) Are there

8. "Are there many Posters on the wall?" "No,only one"

- a) there isn't
- b) there are
- c) there is
- d) aren't

9. "Are there many t-shirts in the drawer?" "Yes, many."

- a) there are
- b) there is
- c) is there
- d) are there

10. two tall trees in the garden.

- a) Are there
- b) There is
- c) There are
- d) Is there

EXERCISE 2: Answer the questions.



Is there an oven in the kitchen?

Is there a microwave in the kitchen?

Is there a dirty pan in the kitchen?

Is there a sink in the kitchen?

Are there animals in the kitchen?

Are there clean dishes in the kitchen?

Are there eggs in the kitchen?

Are there chairs in the kitchen?