



There is & there are



Basic Examples

- There is a football.
- There are footballs.
- There was a football.
- There were footballs.
- Is there a football?
- Are there footballs?
- There isn't a football.
- There aren't footballs.

Use: Existence

- We use **there is, there are** to say that something exists.
- **_There is** a lot of noise._

Use: Where something is

- We often use **there is, there are** to say where something is.
- **_There is** a good restaurant at the end of the street._
- **_There are** some keys in that box._

Use: When something happens

- We can also use **there is, there are** to say when something happens.
- **_There is** a concert tonight._
- **_There are** a lot of storms in summer._

Use with Articles

- We often use **there is, there are** + [**a, some, any**]

Form: Singular vs. Plural

- **There is** + singular / **there are** + plural
- We use **there is** + **singular** noun, and **there are** + **plural** noun.
- **_There is** a new teacher in the school._
- **_There are** some problems that we need to solve._
- We use **there is** + a **list** of things if the first noun after **there is** is singular.
- **_In the room, there is** a bed, a wardrobe and two chairs._

Form: Present and Past

- The past form of **there is, there are** is **there was, there were**.
- **_There is** a car in the street. \Rightarrow **_There was** a car in the street._
- **_There are** some cars in the street. \Rightarrow **_There were** some cars in the street._

Form: Short Forms (Present)

- The short form of **there is** is **there's**, but we don't use a short form of **there are**. **There's** is not used in short answers.
- **_There's** a new secretary in the office._
- **_There are** two bathrooms in this house._

Form: Short Forms (Past & Negative)

- There are no short forms for **there was/there were**.
- In negative sentences, we often use the short forms **there isn't/there aren't** and **there wasn't/weren't**.
- **_There isn't** any bread left. We need to buy more._
- **_There aren't** any cookies in the jar._