



There or It

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- There is a football on the field.
- It is a football.
- There are footballs here.
- It is on the field.

# There

- We use **there** to say when or where something is.
- - **\_There are** some dirty cups on the table.\_
- - **\_There is** a party tomorrow.\_
- We use **there** to say that something exists or is happening.
- - **\_There is** a problem.\_
- - **\_There was** an accident.\_
- Note that we use **there** the first time we mention something. If we talk about the same thing again, we use **it** or **they**.
- - **\_There are** some cups on the table. But **they** are dirty.\_
- - **\_There was** an accident. **It** was horrible.\_

# It

- We use **it** to talk about something again in the conversation.
- - \_There is a party tomorrow. **It** will be fantastic!\_
- - \_We saw a snake in the forest. **It** was very big.\_
- We use **it** to talk about times and dates.
- - \_**It's** my mum's birthday today.\_
- - \_Let's go home. **It's** very late.\_
- - \_**It's** four o'clock.\_
- We use **it** to talk about the weather.
- - \_**It's** very windy.\_
- - \_**It's** a nice day.\_
- - \_**It** rained a lot yesterday.\_
- - \_**It's** four degrees.\_
- We use **it** to talk about distance.
- - \_How far is **it**?\_
- - \_**It's** not very far.\_
- - \_**It's** a long way to the nearest petrol station.\_
- - \_**It's** 2 kilometres from the hotel to the station.\_
- **! Note** that we use **far** in negative sentences and questions, and we use **a long way** in affirmative sentences.
- We use **it's + adjective + to-infinitive**.
- - \_**It's nice to see** you again.\_
- - \_**It was difficult to find** the hotel.\_

# Be careful with these common mistakes!

- I think the worst part of the exam **it's speaking**.
  - (Incorrect - indicated by a red cross icon)
- I think the worst part of the exam **is speaking**.
  - (Correct - indicated by a green tick icon)
- We do NOT use **it** when the subject of the verb is in the sentence. In the sentence above, the subject of **is** is 'the worst part of the exam'.
- I love their music. **Is fantastic!**
  - (Incorrect - indicated by a red cross icon)
- I love their music. **It's fantastic!**
  - (Correct - indicated by a green tick icon)