



There is / There are

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Name: _____ Class: _____

Grammar summary

Noun	Affirmative	Negative
One thing	There is / There's a book.	There is not / isn't a book.
Two or more	There are two books.	There are not / aren't any books.
Uncountable	There is some water.	There is not / isn't any water.

Use there is / there are to say that something exists in a place.

a / an + one countable noun: a desk, an apple. Choose by sound: an umbrella.

There's = there is. Use the full form there are in your writing.

01 Build the affirmative

Complete with there is / there are; a contraction is possible.

Example: There is a mirror. There are two pictures.

- _____ a sofa in the living room.
- _____ two lamps next to the sofa.
- _____ an umbrella by the door.
- _____ some cheese in the fridge.
- _____ four plates on the table.
- _____ some sandwiches in the bag.

02 a, an or some?

Complete each gap with a, an or some.

- There is _____ elephant in the picture.
- There is _____ school near my house.
- There are _____ oranges on the table.
- There is _____ bread in the cupboard.

03 Build the negative

Complete with there is not / there are not, or a contraction.

- _____ a swimming pool in our town.
- _____ any trees in this street.
- _____ any milk in the bottle.
- _____ any people in the shop.



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Question	Yes	No
Is there a cafe?	Yes, there is.	No, there isn't.
Are there any shops?	Yes, there are.	No, there aren't.
Is there any milk?	Yes, there is.	No, there isn't.

some: affirmative plurals and uncountables. any: negatives and ordinary questions.

Positive short answers stay full: Yes, there is. / Yes, there are.

How many + plural countable noun? How much + uncountable noun?

Some is also possible in offers and requests: Would you like some water?

04 Ask and answer

Complete the questions and the short answers.

Example: Are there any shops? Yes, there are.

1. _____ a library in this town?
2. _____ any restaurants near here?
3. Are there any parks? Yes, there _____.
4. Is there any tea? No, there _____.

05 some or any?

Use some or any in these statements and ordinary questions.

1. There are _____ photos on the wall.
2. There isn't _____ coffee left.
3. Are there _____ tourists in the museum?
4. There is _____ soup in the bowl.

06 A picnic in the park

Complete with is, are, a, an, some or any.

1. There _____ a picnic table under the tree.
2. There are _____ sandwiches in the basket.
3. There is _____ orange next to the sandwiches.
4. There isn't _____ lemonade in the bottle.
5. _____ there any cups in the bag?
6. Yes, there _____. The cups are in the bag.