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There is/there are

"**There is**" and "**there are**" are used to indicate the **existence** or **presence** of something in a particular place or situation.

There is:

- "There is" is used when we want to state the existence or presence of a singular noun or an uncountable noun. It implies that there is one specific item, object, or concept in a particular location.
- We use "is" after "there" when the subject is singular.

Examples:

- "**There is** a cat in the room." (implies the presence of one specific cat)
- "**There is** water in the glass." (implies the presence of water)

There are:

- "There are" is used when we want to state the existence or presence of multiple items, objects, or concepts. It implies that there are more than one in a particular location.
- We use "are" after "there" when the subject is plural.

Examples:

- "**There are** books on the shelf." (implies the presence of multiple books)
- "**There are** students in the classroom." (implies the presence of multiple students)

In both cases, "**there**" functions as a dummy subject, and the main focus is on the noun or noun phrase that follows.

It's important to note that we can use "**there isn't**" (is not) and "**there aren't**" (are not) to express the **absence** or **non-existence** of something:

Examples:

- "**There isn't** a chair in the room." (implies the absence of a chair)
- "**There aren't** any apples in the basket." (implies the absence of apples)

In questions, we can invert the subject and verb to form questions:

Examples:

- "**Is there** a pen on the desk?" (singular noun)
- "**Are there** any students in the classroom?" (plural noun)

Note:
Use "there is" when referring to one singular or uncountable noun, and "there are" when referring to multiple items or objects.

There is/there are exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence/question.

1. _____ a cat on the roof.
a) There are
b) There is
c) There be

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2._____ some milk in the fridge.
a) There are
b) There is
c) There be

3._____ two birds in the tree.
a) There are
b) There is
c) There be

4._____ a book on the table.
a) There are
b) There is
c) There be

5. _____ any cookies left in the jar?
a) Is there
b) There is
c) Are there

6. _____ a lot of people in the park.
a) There are
b) There is
c) There be

7. _____ a pen in my bag.
a) There are
b) There be
c) There is

8. _____ a car in the garage.
a) There are
b) There is
c) There be

9. _____ a problem with the computer.
a) Is there
b) Are there
c) There is

10. _____ any messages for me?
a) Is there
b) Are there
c) There is

There is/there are exercise 2:

Complete Lucia's description of her school with 'there is' or 'there are'.

At my school, **(1)**_____ a large playground where students can play during recess. **(2)**_____ a library with a wide range of books for students to borrow. In the science lab, **(3)** _____ modern tools and equipment for conducting experiments. **(4)**_____ computers with high-speed internet access for students to use for research and projects. In the cafeteria, **(5)**_____ a variety of healthy food options for students to choose from. **(6)**_____ a sports field where students can participate in various outdoor activities. Inside the classrooms, **(7)** _____ comfortable desks and chairs for students to sit and learn. **(8)** _____ a music room where students can practice and perform. **(9)** _____ an art studio where students can express their creativity through different forms of art. Lastly, **(10)**_____ friendly and supportive teachers who are always ready to help the students.



There is and there are: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. b) There is
2. b) There is
3. a) There are
4. b) There is
5. c) Are there
6. a) There are
7. c) There is
8. b) There is
9. c) There is
10. b) Are there

Exercise 2

(1) there is / there's
(2) There is / There's
(3) there are / there're
(4) There are / There're
(5) there is / there's
(6) There is / There's
(7) there are / there're
(8) There is / There's
(9) There is / There's
(10) there are / there're