

## Descriptions: There is, There are

**FORM:**

**There is (not) + singular noun or non count noun**  
**Is there + singular noun...or non count noun?**  
**There are (not) + plural noun**  
**Are there + plural noun...?**

**USE:**

“**There is**” and “**there are**” indicate that something exists, or that it is present in a particular place. “**There is**” is used with “a / an” or “one” before the noun. “**There are**” is used with “some” and “many”. “Many” can only be used with count nouns in affirmative and negative sentences. “Some” can be used with both count and non count nouns in affirmative sentences.

**EXAMPLES:** *There is a young man at the door.*      *Is there a young man at the door?*  
*There are two restaurants on the street.*      *Are there two restaurants on the street?*  
*There is some water in the pitcher.*      *There aren't many cars on the highway.*

Fill in the blanks with **THERE IS** or **THERE ARE**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a dog in the park.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ glasses on the table.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a bank on the corner of the street.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ pencils on the desk.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ many restaurants in this town.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a fax machine over there.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ a computer in each room.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ two doors in the room.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ a library in this building.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ people in the office.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ many children in the park.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ a policeman on the street.

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7. \_\_\_\_\_ three tennis rackets on the bench.      15. \_\_\_\_\_ some memos on the board.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a person waiting at the reception.      16. \_\_\_\_\_ an express line at the supermarket.

*Fill in the blanks with the NEGATIVE form of THERE IS or THERE ARE.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ any cookies left in the jar.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ enough time to do the report.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ any napkins on the table.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ any solution to the problem.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ any Russians in my class.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ anyone from Peru at this party.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ any milk in the refrigerator.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ any money in her piggybank.

*Fill in the blanks with the INTERROGATIVE form of THERE IS or THERE ARE.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ any students from France in this school?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a clean knife in the drawer?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ any more seats on the bus?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ enough desks in this room?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ someone who can help me?

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6. \_\_\_\_\_ an extra pen in the drawer?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ any people who want to play on that team?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ more ice in the cooler?

*Change these sentences to the INTERROGATIVE and to the NEGATIVE form.*

1. There are many good restaurants downtown.

*Int.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Neg.* \_\_\_\_\_

2. They are in the restaurant.

*Int.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Neg.* \_\_\_\_\_

3. There is a cake on the table.

*Int.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Neg.* \_\_\_\_\_

4. The cake is on the table.

*Int.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Neg.* \_\_\_\_\_

5. There are several new words in this lesson.

*Int.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Neg.* \_\_\_\_\_

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6. There is a new word on the test.

*Int.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Neg.* \_\_\_\_\_