

There is'' and **''There are''** are common phrases used in English to indicate the existence or presence of something. They are used to talk about the presence of one or more objects, people, or situations.

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When to Use "There is"

"There is" is used with singular nouns and uncountable nouns. It indicates that one thing exists or is present.

• Singular Nouns:

- There is a cat on the roof.
- There is a book on the table.
- Uncountable Nouns:
 - There is water in the bottle.
 - There is some sugar in the bowl.

When to Use "There are"

"There are" is used with plural nouns. It indicates that more than one thing exists or is present.

- Plural Nouns:
 - There are two cats on the roof.
 - There are several books on the table.



Negative Form

To say that something does not exist, you can use the negative forms:

- there is not (there isn't) for singular and uncountable nouns
- there are not (there aren't) for plural nouns.

Example:

Singular and Uncountable Nouns:

- There isn't a cat on the roof.
- There isn't any water in the bottle.

Plural Nouns:

- There aren't any cats on the roof.
- There aren't any books on the table.

Questions

To ask if something exists, you can use:

- Is there for singular and uncountable nouns
- Are there for plural nouns.

Example:

- Singular and Uncountable Nouns:
 - Is there a cat on the roof?
 - Is there any water in the bottle?
- Plural Nouns:
 - Are there any cats on the roof?
 - Are there any books on the table?

Examples

- Positive Statements:
 - \circ There is a dog in the garden.
 - \circ $\;$ There are three apples on the counter.
- Negative Statements:
 - \circ There isn't a pen in my bag.
 - There aren't any students in the classroom.
- Questions:
 - Is there a doctor in the house?
 - Are there any sandwiches left?