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## 1 Grammar Notes

# In English, "there is" and "there are" can start sentences. These sentences usually describe the amount and location of something. 



- There is a carrot on my plate.
- There are 3 bananas on the table.

Use "there is" with 1 noun.


- There is a cookie on the plate.
- There is an apple in the fridge.
- There is a sandwich on the table.

Use "there are" with 2 or more nouns.


- There are 10 crackers on the plate.
- There are 2 oranges in the fridge.
- There are 3 bananas on the table.


## Did you notice?

For sentences with 1 noun:
Use "a" after "there." Use "the" for the location. (This is because " a " introduces the noun and "the" shows the specific location of the noun.)


- There is a cookie on the plate.

For sentences with 2 or more nouns:
Use a number after "there."
Use "the" for the location.


- There are $\mathbf{3}$ bananas on the table.


## 2) Matching

Draw a line to make a complete sentence.


## 3 Multiple-Choice

## Choose the correct answer.



There $\qquad$ a bowl of soup in the microwave.
a) is b) are

1
There $\qquad$ 4 slices of ham on my sandwich.
a) is
b) are

2
There $\qquad$ 12 eggs in the carton.
a) is
b) are

3


4
There $\qquad$ 1 slice of pizza in the box.
a) is
b) are

There $\qquad$ a glass of juice on the table.
a) is
b) are

5


6


7


There $\qquad$ 7 pieces of candy in the box.
a) is
b) are

There $\qquad$ 2 tomatoes in this salad.
a) is
b) are

There $\qquad$ a cup of tea on my desk.
a) is
b) are

## 4) Questions \& Answers

## A. Questions

Write the question for each answer.

## Questions

- Is there an apple in your bag?
- Is there a cookie on the plate?
- Are there any bananas on the table?
- Are there any slices of pizza in the box?


## Answers

- Yes, there is an apple in my bag.
- Yes, there is a cookie on the plate.
- Yes, there are 2 bananas on the table.
- Yes, there are 5 slices of pizza in the box.


Yes, there are 4 bowls of soup on the table.

## 5

Yes, there is a bottle of pop in the fridge.

2
Yes, there is a glass of juice on the counter.

## 7

Yes, there are 2 slices of cheese on my hamburger.

## 4. Questions \& Answers cont.

## B. Short Answers

Answer the questions using there and the Be verb.

## Short Answers

- Yes, there is. - Yes, there are.
- No, there isn't. - No, there aren't.


## Note:

"Yes, there's" and "Yes, there're" are incorrect. Don't write or say "Yes, there's" or "Yes, there're."


Is there a cookie on the table?
Yes, there is.
1 Is there a bowl of soup on the table?

2 Is there a sandwich on the table?

3 Is there a glass of juice on the table?

4 Is there a cup of tea on the table?

Ex Are there eggs on the table?
No, there aren't.
5 Are there crackers on the table?

6 Are there strawberries on the table?

7 Are there tomatoes on the table?

8 Are there bananas on the table?

## 5 Dialogues

## A. Reading

Read the dialogues out loud with your partner.

## Dialogue 1

A: Is there a piece of cake in the fridge?
B: Yes, there is. Would you like it?
A: Yes, please.


## Dialogue 2

A: Is there a piece of cake in the fridge?
B: No, there isn't. I'm sorry.
A: That's okay.

## Dialogue 3

A: Are there any oranges in the fridge?
B: Yes, there are. Would you like some?
A: Yes, please.

## Dialogue 4

A: Are there any oranges in the fridge?
B: No, there aren't. I'm sorry.
A: That's okay.


## B. Create Your Own

Now create your own dialogues about what's in the fridge with a partner using the food below. Practise using both Yes and No answers.

1 - a slice of pizza

- an apple
- a strawberry



## 6 Pair Work (Student A)

Ask your partner about the food in his or her fridge!


Yes / No


Yes / No


Yes / No


Yes / No

Answer your partner's questions about your fridge.


## 6 Pair Work (Student B)

Ask your partner about the food in his or her fridge!


Answer your partner's questions about your fridge.


## 7 Class Survey

## A. Do you...

Ask your classmates the following questions.
When someone answers "yes" put a check mark ( $\checkmark$ ) in one of the boxes below.

1 Do you eat breakfast every day?

2 Do you like vegetables?


## B. In my class...

Now write 5 sentences using "There is" or "There are."

1

2 $\qquad$
3 $\qquad$

4 $\qquad$
5

## Examples:

- There are 8 people who eat breakfast every day.
- There aren't any people who like vegetables.
- There is 1 person who eats pizza once a week.

