

## English Grammar – Existence (there is/are)

(PT: Tem/Existe/Há)

In English, for existence, we use the word “**there**” + the verb “**to be**”. For example, in the Present Simple tense, we use “**there is**” (for single or uncountable things) or “**there are**” (for multiple or countable things.)

Positives:    **There is** a park in my city.                    *(Há um parque na minha cidade.)*  
                  **There are** two parks in my city.                    *(Há duas parques na minha cidade.)*  
                  **There is** much violence in Rio.                    *(Há muita violência no Rio.)*  
                  **There are** four people in my family.                    *(Há quatro pessoas na minha família.)*  
                  **There are** many children in the street.                    *(Há muitas crianças na rua.)*  
                  **There are** many buildings in the center. *(Há muitas prédios no centro.)*

Negatives:    **There isn't** a park in my city.                    *(Não há um parque na minha cidade.)*  
                  **There isn't** salt in the rivers.                    *(Não há sal nos rios.)*  
                  **There isn't** much rain in the desert.                    *(Não há muita chuva no deserto.)*  
                  **There aren't** coconuts in Alaska.                    *(Não há cocos no Alasca.)*  
                  In Brazil, **there aren't** many bicycles.                    *(No Brasil, não há muitas bicicletas.)*

### Questions:

**Is there** water in the bottle?  
**Are there** more cookies in the jar?  
**Are there** many people in your family?  
How many employees **are there** in your office?  
**Is there** much pollution in Mexico City?  
**Are there** many bicycles in China?  
Do you think that **there are** many cars in São Paulo?  
Do you think that **there are** many corrupt politicians?  
Why **is there** a cat in the garage?  
Why **are there** many cats in the garage?  
Why **isn't there** a car in the garage?  
Why **aren't there** cars in the garage?  
How many cars **are there** in the garage?  
How much water **is there** in the bottle?

### Responses:

Yes, **there is**. / No, **there isn't**.  
Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.  
Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.  
**There are** 10 employees.  
Yes, **there is**. / No, **there isn't**.  
Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.  
Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  
Yes, I do. / No, I don't.  
I don't know!  
I don't know!  
I don't know!  
I don't know!  
Three.  
Not a lot.

**Exercise 1.** Choose the correct options.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ many dogs in the park.  
a) There is  
b) There are
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in the coffee? Yes, there is.  
a) There is  
b) Is there
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ much salt in the food.  
a) There isn't  
b) There aren't
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ three pencils on the table? No, there aren't.  
a) Are there  
b) There are
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of children in the class.  
a) There is  
b) There are
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of sand in my shoes.  
a) There is  
b) There are
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 64 people on the bus.  
a) Are there  
b) There are
  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ much pollution in Curitiba.  
a) There isn't  
b) There aren't
  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ many mistakes in my test? No, there aren't.  
a) Are there  
b) Is there  
c) There are
  
10. \_\_\_\_\_ time to finish my homework? Yes, there is.  
a) There is  
b) Is there  
c) Are there

**Exercise 2.** Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a library next to the park.
2. All the students went home. \_\_\_\_\_ students in the classroom.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 50 states in the United States.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ polar bears in the South Pole.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ a message for me?  
B: No, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ many cars in the parking lot?  
B: I don't know.
7. A: I'm hungry.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ a restaurant across the street.
8. A: How many days \_\_\_\_\_ in March – thirty or thirty one?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ thirty one.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ many things that I have to do this afternoon.
10. A: \_\_\_\_\_ a post office near here?  
B: I'm sorry, I don't know.
11. A: \_\_\_\_\_ something that I can do for you?  
B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A: \_\_\_\_\_ a public holiday next month?  
B: No, \_\_\_\_\_.
13. A: How many countries \_\_\_\_\_ in the world?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ 195.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ a woman in the picture. She is smiling.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ only three more days before the test. Let's study!