

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

In English, for existence, we use the word “**there**” + the verb “**to be**”. We use “**there is/was**” (for single or uncountable things) or “**there are/were**” (for multiple or countable things.)

### Present Simple – Affirmations/Negatives (there is / there are / there isn't / there aren't)

1. There are three people in my family.
2. There aren't any eggs in the fridge.
3. There isn't any more time in the game.
4. There are many cars in São Paulo.
5. There is much violence in Rio.
6. I think that there are many rules at school.
7. In Brazil, there aren't many bicycles.
8. There isn't an airport in Gramado.
9. There aren't any coconuts in Alaska.
10. There is a new treatment for your condition.

### Present Simple – Questions (is there / are there)

1. Is there any more water in the bottle?
2. Are there any more biscuits in the packet?
3. Are there many people in your family?
4. How many people are there in your office?
5. Are there many cars in São Paulo?
6. Is there any doubt?
7. Are there any questions?
8. In your opinion, are there too many people in the world?
9. Is there a problem with your liver?
10. Why are there many bicycles in The Netherlands?

### Past Simple – Affirmations/Negatives (there was / there were / there wasn't / there weren't)

1. There were many people in the supermarket on Saturday.
2. There weren't many people in the supermarket on Sunday.
3. There was a lot of wind at the beach last weekend.
4. There wasn't a lot of wind at the beach last weekend.

### Past Simple – Questions (was there / were there)

1. Was there a lot of rain yesterday?
2. Were there many people in the supermarket on Sunday?

### Future Simple – Affirmations/Negatives (there will be / there won't be)

1. There will be free coffee tomorrow.
2. There will be many people on the beach tomorrow.
3. There won't be any tests this week.
4. There won't be an English test on Monday.

### Future Simple – Questions (will there be)

1. Will there be classes tomorrow?
2. Will there be a game on Saturday?

**Exercise.** Choose the correct phrase.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ many dogs in the park.

- a) There is
- b) There are

2. \_\_\_\_\_ any sugar in the tea?

- a) There is
- b) Is there

3. \_\_\_\_\_ much salt in the pasta.

- a) There is
- b) There are

4. \_\_\_\_\_ three pencils on the table?

- a) Are there
- b) There are

5. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of children in the class.

- a) There is
- b) There are

6. \_\_\_\_\_ some 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 on my test?

- a) Were there
- b) Was there

10. \_\_\_\_\_ time to finish my project?

- a) There will be
- b) Will there be