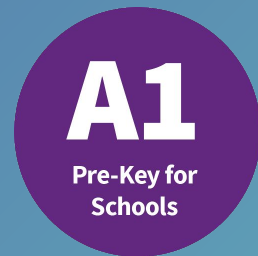


GOLD experience



Unit 1 – *there is/there are*

There is or There are

Let's look at:

1. When we use *There is* and *There are*.
2. How we make sentences using *There is* and *There are*.
3. How we pronounce *There is* and *There are*.



When do we use it?

Function: *There is/There are*



Are there any big windows in your new bedroom? Is there a comfortable bed?

There are three small windows in the bedroom, but there aren't any curtains. There is a big bed in the corner of the room and I love it! There isn't a desk like in my old bedroom, but there is a TV on the wall!



In the bedroom

On the wall

In the corner of the room

curtains

windows

a desk

a TV

a big bed

Look at the conversation. We use *There is/There are* to say something exists or doesn't exist and where it is in a place.



Fill in the table with objects from the conversation.

Exist	Where?	Not exist

Function: *There is/There are*

1. We use *There is/isn't* or *There are/aren't* to say if something exists in a place or not.

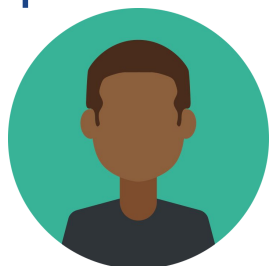


There are three small windows in the bedroom, but **there aren't any curtains.**

The windows are something real; they exist. The curtains do not exist. You cannot find them in the bedroom.



2. We often use *There is* or *There are* to say where things are in a place.



There is a big bed **in the corner of the room...**there is a TV **on the wall!**

Now we know where to find these objects in the bedroom.

How do we make sentences with *There is/are*?

Form: *There is/There are*



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	+ singular nouns	+ plural nouns
positive	There is	There are
negative	There isn't (is not)	There aren't (are not)

Look at the conversation again and fill in the table. The first one is done for you.



There are two example questions in the conversation: one with a singular noun and the other with a plural noun. Can you find them?

singular noun: *Is there a comfortable bed?*

plural noun: *Are there any big windows?*

Notice how the word order changes in the question!

Form: *There is/There are*



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Look! In the positive we use *some*, but in the negative and question form, we use *any*.

	+ singular nouns	+ plural nouns
positive	There is a big bed. <i>There is + a/an + singular noun</i>	There are three small windows. <i>There are + some + plural noun</i>
negative	There isn't a desk. <i>There isn't (is not) + a/an + singular noun</i>	There aren't any curtains. <i>There aren't (are not) + any + plural noun</i>
questions	Is there a comfortable bed? <i>Is + there + a/an + singular noun?</i>	Are there any big windows? <i>Are + there + any + plural noun?</i>



We move the order of the words when we make questions. Look...

Think about pronunciation...

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When we speak quickly, we usually use contractions. Listen to your teacher.



/ðeəzəl/

There's a big bed.

/ðerə/

There're three windows.

/ðeəɪzntəl/

There isn't a desk.

/ðeərə:ntenɪ/

There aren't any curtains.

We often link these words together. Listen to your teacher again.

Let's practise!

Practice activities

Correct the errors in the sentences below. There is one error in each sentence.

are

1. There ~~is~~ four dogs in the park. Look!

a

2. Is there ~~some~~ swimming pool in your school?

aren't

3. There ~~isn't~~ any books under the table.

any

4. There aren't ~~some~~ children in the street today.

is

5. There ~~are~~ a cat in the garden.

Are there

6. ~~There are~~ some biscuits in the kitchen?