

there is there are

A



There's a man on the roof.



There's a train at 10:30.



There are seven days in a week.

Singular

there is ... (there's)
is there ... ?
there is not ... (there isn't
or there's not)

- There's a big tree in the yard.
- There's nothing on TV tonight.
- A: Do you have any money?
B: Yes, **there's** some in my wallet.
- A: Excuse me, **is there** a hotel near here?
B: Yes, **there is**. / No, **there isn't**.
- We can't go skiing. **There isn't** any snow.

Plural

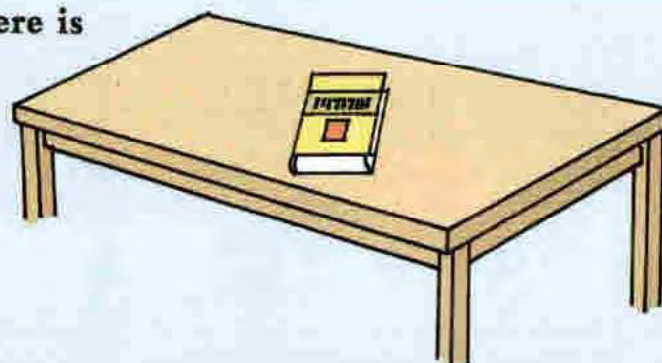
there are ...
are there ... ?
there are not ... (there aren't)

- **There are** some big trees in the yard.
- **There are** a lot of accidents on this road.
- A: **Are there** any restaurants near here?
B: Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.
- This restaurant is very quiet. **There aren't** many people here.
- How many players **are there** on a soccer team?
- **There are** 11 players on a soccer team.

B

There is and it is

there is



There's a book on the table.
(not It's a book on the table.)

it is



I like **this book**. **It's** interesting.
(it = this book)

Compare:

- "What's **that noise**?" "It's a train." (It = that noise)
There's a train at 10:30. It's a fast train. (It = the 10:30 train)
- **There's** a lot of salt in this soup.
I don't like **this soup**. It's too salty. (It = this soup)

38.1 Springfield is a small town. Look at the information in the box and write sentences about Springfield with *There is/are* or *There isn't/aren't*.

1. a golf course?	No	1. <u>There isn't a golf course.</u>
2. any restaurants?	Yes (a lot)	2. <u>There are a lot of restaurants.</u>
3. a hospital?	Yes	3. _____
4. a swimming pool?	No	4. _____
5. any movie theaters?	Yes (two)	5. _____
6. a university?	No	6. _____
7. any big hotels?	No	7. _____

38.2 Write sentences about your town (or a town that you know). Use *There is/are* or *There isn't/aren't*.

- There are a few restaurants.
- There's a big park.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

38.3 Write *there is / there isn't / is there* or *there are / there aren't / are there*.

- Springfield isn't an old town. There aren't any old buildings.
- Look! _____ a photograph of your brother in the newspaper!
- "Excuse me, _____ a bank near here?" "Yes, at the end of the block."
- _____ five people in my family: my parents, my two sisters, and me.
- "How many students _____ in the class?" "Twenty."
- The road is usually very quiet. _____ much traffic.
- "_____ a bus from downtown to the airport?" "Yes, every 20 minutes."
- "_____ any problems?" "No, everything is OK."
- _____ nowhere to sit down. _____ any chairs.

38.4 Write sentences with *There are . . .* Choose from the boxes.

five	twenty-six	letters	days	September	the solar system
seven	thirty	players	days	the United States	a week
eight	fifty	planets	states	a basketball team	the English alphabet

- There are seven days in a week.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

38.5 Write *there's / is there* or *it's / is it*.

- "There's a flight at 10:30." "Is it a nonstop flight?"
- I'm not going to buy this shirt. _____ too expensive.
- "What's wrong?" "_____ something in my eye."
- _____ a red car outside your house. _____ yours?
- "_____ anything good on TV tonight?" "Yes, _____ a movie at 8:00."
- "What's that building?" "_____ a school."
- "_____ a restaurant in this hotel?" "No, I'm afraid not."