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Study the notes over here. Read through them. We will be answering the questions that follows.



1 LANGUAGE FOCUS REFERENCE • Unit 1

there's, there are + a, an, some and any

Affirmative	Short form
Singular There is a / an ...	There's a / an ...
Plural There are some ...	There are some ...

We use there is with a / an and singular nouns and there are with plural nouns.

There is a market in my town.
There is an interesting museum near the station.
There are some parks in this area.

In spoken or informal written English, we use the short form there's. There are does not have a short form.

Negative	Short form
Singular There is not a / an ...	There isn't a / an ...
Plural There are not any ...	There aren't any ...

To make the negative form, use there is not with singular nouns and there are not with plural nouns.

In spoken or informal written English, we use the short forms there isn't and there aren't. We use any with plural nouns.

There isn't a cinema near here.
There aren't any good cafes in this street.

Usage

We use there is / there are to express the existence or absence of someone or something.

There's a new hotel in our city.
There are some nice flats near the school.
There aren't any Chinese restaurants in my town.
Is there a shopping centre? No, there isn't.

Is there ... ? Are there ... ? How many ... ?

Questions	Short answers
Affirmative Is there a / an ... ? Are there any ... ? How many ... are there?	Negative Yes, there is. Yes, there are. Four.

We use the question form there is with a / an and a singular noun.

Is there a theatre in your area?
Is there an Indian restaurant near here?

We use Are there with any and a plural noun.
Are there any interesting places for young people?

In negative short answers, we often use the short forms aren't and aren't.

No, there isn't.
No, there aren't.

When asking about a specific number of people or things, we use How many ... are there?

How many students are there? (There are) two.

Comparative adjectives

Regular	add -er
Ends with -e	old → older
Ends with -y	add -i
Ends with consonant + y	safe → safer
Ends with consonant + vowel + consonant	remove -y and add -ier
Long adjectives	pretty → prettier

Double consonant + vowel + consonant	double consonant and add -er
big → bigger	

Long adjectives	add -er
modern → more modern	

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We will do the exercise on this page. Make sure that you answer them all and refer to the notes.

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1 Complete the affirmative and negative sentences with a, one, an, some and any.

- There is a cinema on that big ship. ✓
 1 There is a shop near our school. ✗
 2 There are some cafes in the street. ✓
 3 There is an old bridge in Paris. ✓
 4 There are any buses today. ✗
 5 There is a library here. ✗
 6 There are ten flats in the building. ✓

2 Complete the text with a, an, some or any.

My town

My town isn't very big and it isn't a very good place for visitors! There aren't any hotels here and there aren't any interesting museums. There isn't a train station – there's only a bus station. But there are some interesting places for young people here. There's a park with a cafe, there's a exciting sports centre and a swimming pool too. There are some nice shops, there's a old theatre, and a new cinema – it's really cool!

is there ... ? Are there ... ? How many ... ?

3 Complete the questions and answers. You can use the words more than once.

are how is two there's
many there isn't

- 1 "Is there a market?" "No, there isn't."
 2 "Are there any restaurants?"
 "Yes, there are."
 3 "How many schools are there?"
 "There are two."
 4 "Is there a nice square?"
 "Yes, there is."
 5 "Are there any bookshops?"
 "No, there aren't."
 6 "How many new streets are there?" "There are three."
 7 "Is there a zoo?"
 "No, there isn't."
 8 "How many bridges are there?"
 "There are one."

4 Order the words to make questions. Then write short answers.

there / is / in / good / a / cinema / are / you / ?
 Is there a good cinema in your area? Yes, there is.

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2 library / is / a / there / in / school / your / ?

3 class / many / students / there / are / your / in / how / ?

4 your / any / school / are / interesting / places / near / there / ?

5 many / how / posters / in / bedroom / are / your / there / ?

Comparative adjectives

5 Write the comparative adjectives.

- small smaller
 1 pretty prettier 6 comfortable more comfortable
 2 easy easier 7 safe safely
 3 fast faster 8 far further
 4 bad worse 9 expensive more expensive
 5 hot hotter 10 new newer

6 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets and then.

- This theatre is older than that cinema. (old)
 1 Your cafe is more popular than Luigi's restaurant. (popular)
 2 Our new flat is bigger than our old house. (big)
 3 London is bigger than Rome. (big)
 4 James is friendlier than Dan. (friendly)
 5 Are the shops in your town better than the shops in this shopping centre? (good)
 6 These books are more interesting than those books from the library. (interesting)
 7 Freya is younger than her sister. (young)

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6 comfortable

2 easy

7 safe

3 fast

8 far

4 bad

9 expensive

5 hot

10 new

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