

A, an and some

How much fruit is there in the fridge?



There's a melon, there are two apples and there are about 10 oranges.

Most nouns have singular and plural forms. These are countable nouns.

cup → cups table → tables child → children

We can use **a**, **some** or **a number** before countable nouns.

Singular	Plural
a bottle	some bottles
one bottle	six bottles

Some nouns only have one form. These are uncountable nouns.

milk, homework, juice, butter

We can't count uncountable nouns, so we can't use numbers with them. We use **some** or nothing before them.

I always do some homework after school.

Do you want mayonnaise on your sandwich?

In positive sentences, we use **there is** and **there are** like this:

There is ... +	There are ... +
singular countable nouns	plural countable nouns

There's an apple.

There are bananas.

There's a bus.

There are cars.

There is ... +
uncountable nouns

There's fruit.

There's traffic.

*1 Write C (countable) or U (uncountable).

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| ► hospital <u>C</u> | 14 sugar <u>U</u> |
| 1 toothpaste <u>U</u> | 15 bread <u>U</u> |
| 2 pencil <u>U</u> | 16 star <u>U</u> |
| 3 spoon <u>U</u> | 17 lesson <u>U</u> |
| 4 jam <u>U</u> | 18 coffee <u>U</u> |
| 5 necklace <u>U</u> | 19 river <u>U</u> |
| 6 plan <u>U</u> | 20 clock <u>U</u> |
| 7 salt <u>U</u> | 21 jewellery <u>U</u> |
| 8 time <u>U</u> | 22 traffic <u>U</u> |
| 9 money <u>U</u> | 23 piece <u>U</u> |
| 10 petrol <u>U</u> | 24 juice <u>U</u> |
| 11 cup <u>U</u> | 25 furniture <u>U</u> |
| 12 friend <u>U</u> | 26 tea <u>U</u> |
| 13 rain <u>U</u> | 27 box <u>U</u> |

*2 3.1 Circle the correct answer. Listen and check, then listen and repeat.

► There's a / some bread in the bag.

- I can see some bird / birds.
- There's a snow / snow on those mountains.
- There's / are two men on the boat.
- Would you like some / an ice in your drink?
- I want some / two free time.
- You've got a tomato sauce / tomato sauce on your face!
- I love rain / a rain!
- This furniture is / are very nice.

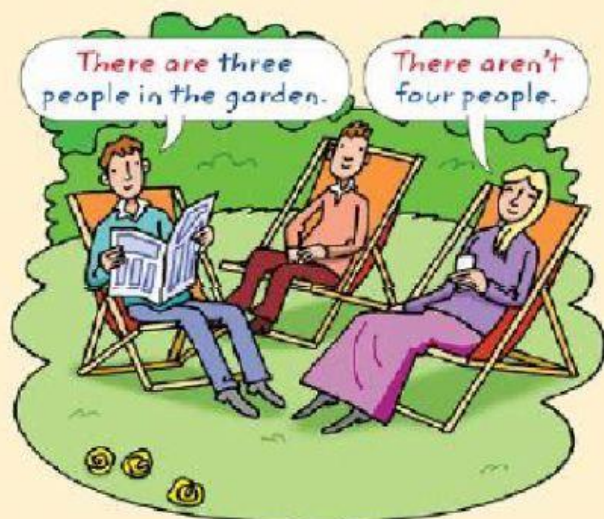
*3 Circle the correct answer.

► I've got some / any biscuits.

- I can see some / any stars.
- Why aren't there some / any chairs in here?
- I'd like some / any coffee, please.
- I need some / any money.

- Are there some / any pictures in that book?
- I can't hear some / any birds.
- We never get some / any snow in this country.
- I need some / any help!
- There aren't some / any biscuits left.

Affirmative and negative



We use **there is** and **there are** to say that something or somebody exists.

We use **there is** for singular items and **there are** for plural items.

We often shorten **there is** to **there's**.

*1 Look at the picture and read the text. Are the sentences true ✓ or false X?

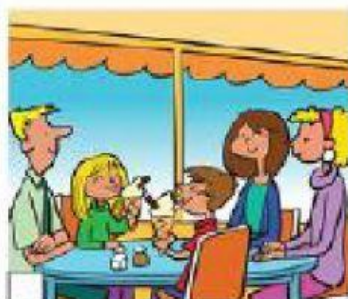
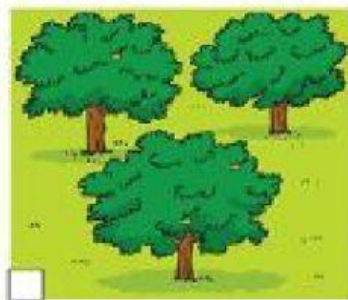
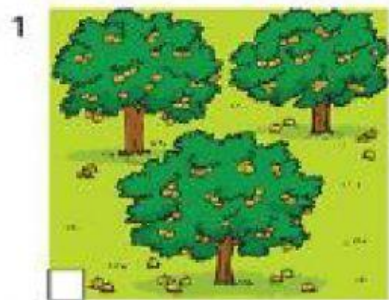


- ▶ There's a TV. ☒
- 1 There are three people. ☐
- 2 There's a cat. ☐
- 3 There are two chairs. ☐
- 4 There are two tables. ☐
- 5 There's a sofa. ☐
- 6 There's a sandwich. ☐

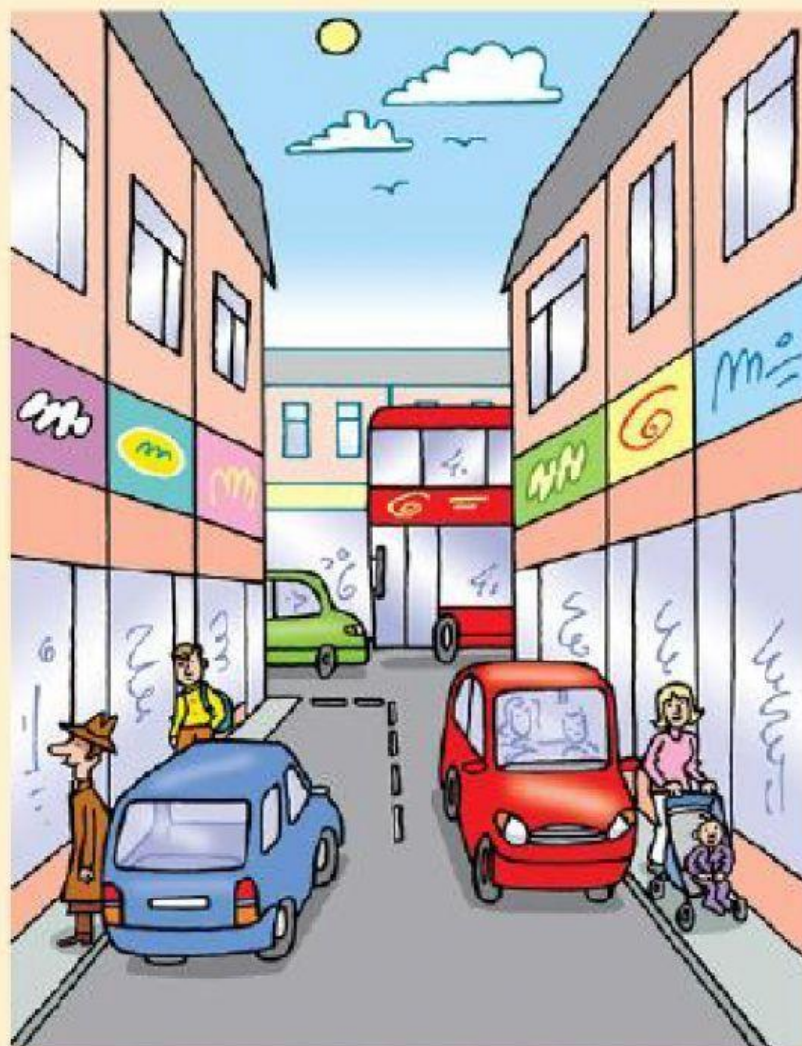
*2 Look at the picture again. Complete the sentences with *There's*, *There isn't*, *There are* or *There aren't*.

- ▶ There's a picture.
- 1 _____ three books.
- 2 _____ two boys.
- 3 _____ a phone.
- 4 _____ four biscuits.
- 5 _____ a cake.
- 6 _____ a computer.

*3 2.1 Listen and tick ✓ the correct picture.



Questions and short answers



Questions	Short answers
Is there a bus?	Yes, there is.
Is there a train?	No, there isn't.
Are there three cars?	Yes, there are.
Are there lots of people?	No, there aren't.

In short answers, we don't say **there's**.

7 **2.2** Look at the picture and listen to the questions. Write short answers.



► Yes, there is.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____