

## Grammar

**THERE IS/ARE (+ QUANTIFIER) + NOUN**

*There + is/are* indicates that something exists, or is in a certain location. You can add a quantifier between *is/are* and the noun to give more information. Study the forms:

| Form                                                                                                                 | Example                                                                                                         |
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| Singular count nouns<br><i>There is + singular count noun</i><br><i>There is + quantifier* + singular count noun</i> | <i>There is a meeting today.</i><br><i>There is one meeting today.</i>                                          |
| Plural count nouns<br><i>There are + plural count noun</i><br><i>There are + quantifier* + plural count noun</i>     | <i>There are nomadic people all over the world.</i><br><i>There are many nomadic people all over the world.</i> |
| Noncount nouns<br><i>There is + noncount noun</i><br><i>There is + quantifier** + noncount noun</i>                  | <i>There is privacy in my house.</i><br><i>There is a great deal of privacy in my house.</i>                    |

Quantifiers that can go before a ...

\*count noun: *a, a couple, a few, a large number of, a lot of, lots, (not) many, no, not any, one, plenty of, several, some, three*

\*\*noncount noun: *a great deal of, a little, a lot of, lots, not any, no, not much, plenty of, some*

**1 Complete these sentences. Use *is* or *are*.**

- There \_\_\_\_\_ a yard behind my house.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ a large number of windows in my living room.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ three bedrooms in my house.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of street noise in front of my house.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ plenty of light in the kitchen.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ a couple of new homes down the street.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of traffic in my neighborhood.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ some fun things to do in my neighborhood.

**2 Circle the correct quantifier.**

- There is one / several bathroom in my house.
- There is not many / much space in my closet.
- There are only a few / little empty apartments in my building.
- There is a large number of / great deal of crime around here.
- Why is there a / some car in front of my house?
- There are some / any home improvements I want to make.
- Is there a / many laundry room in your house?
- Are they many / much bedrooms in your house?

**3 Read the sentences in exercise 1. Which are true for you?**

