There is / There are



Meaning: We use there is and there are to say that something exists or does not exist.

In the positive:

There is + singular noun	=	There is a cat.
There are + plural noun	=	There are two cats.
There is + uncountable noun	=	There is some water on the floor.

(Note: we use SOME with uncountable nouns, you could also use a few, a little, a lot, etc.)

In the negative:

There isn't + singular noun	=	There isn't a cat in the garden.
There aren't + plural noun	=	There aren't two cats in the garden.
There isn't + uncountable noun	=	There isn't any milk in the fridge.

(Note: we use any with uncountable nouns in the negative)

In a question:

There is a dog in the kitchen	=	Is there a dog in the kitchen?
There are dogs in the kitchen	=	Are there dogs in the kitchen?

(Note: when forming a question the verb to be is at the beginning of the question)

There is some juice in the glass	=	Is there some juice in the glass?

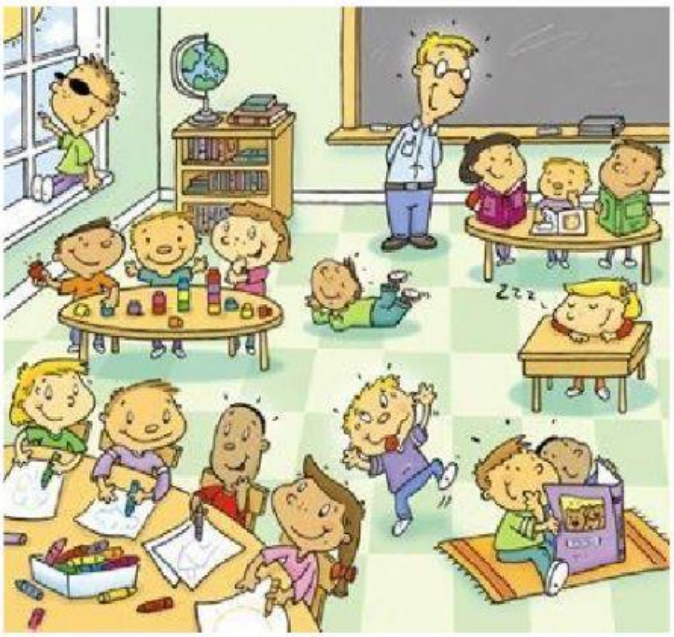
Contractions:

There is	=	There's
There are	=	There are
There isn't	=	There is not
There aren't	=	There are not



How many + plural noun + are there?
How many students are there in your class?
How many teachers are there in your school?

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Complete the sentences using there is / there are:

1. _____ some crayons on the table.
2. _____ a teacher in class.
3. _____ a lot of books!
4. _____ a carpet on the floor.
5. _____ tables in the classroom.
6. _____ a window in the classroom.

Look at the picture. Write questions and answers. Use the words in the box.

Paper	globe	chalkboard	computer	books	dinosaurs	calendar

1. Are there any students in the class? *Yes, there are.*
2. Are there three teachers? *No, there aren't.*
3. Is there a smartboard? _____
4. Is there a window? _____
5. Are there students drawing? _____
6. _____ No, there isn't.
7. _____ Yes, there are.
8. _____ Yes, there are
9. _____ Yes, there is.
10. _____ Yes, there is.
11. _____ Yes, there is.
12. _____ No, there aren't
13. _____ No, there isn't



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