

Language at work | *There is/are* | *Some/any*



Tip | *public/private*

public = for everyone; anyone can use public services:

a **public** library, a **public** phone.
private = not for everyone; only for one person or specific people:

Sorry, this is a **private** office – you can't go in.

She is very successful – she has a **private** plane!

1 Read about Singapore. Why is it a good location for business?

Three reasons to choose Singapore for your business

Location

Singapore is a small island country in the centre of South-East Asia, and it is the perfect place to do business in the region. **There are** flights to about 300 cities around the world from its busy Changi Airport, and **there is** a harbour for the import and export of goods by sea.

Business

Thousands of international businesses choose Singapore for their regional headquarters. **There are** low taxes for businesses to pay and **there aren't** any problems with visas for foreign workers. Singapore is also a great place to have a conference because **there are** hundreds of hotels and large exhibition centres. For example, **there is** the Changi Exhibition Centre near the airport.

The city

Singapore is a great place to live and work. **There are** some excellent schools, hospitals and other public services. And **there isn't** a crime problem – it's a very safe city.

2 Answer the questions in the *Language point*.

LANGUAGE POINT

Look at the words in **bold** in the text in 1. Complete the table with *is, are, isn't* and *aren't*.

	Positive	Negative	Questions	Short answers
Singular noun:	There _____ (an airport).	There _____ (an airport).	_____ there (an airport)?	Yes, there _____. No, there _____.
Plural noun:	There _____ (two airports).	There _____ (two airports).	_____ there (two airports)?	Yes, there _____. No, there _____.

Read these sentences from the text in 1. Choose the correct words in *italics* to complete the explanations 1–3.

*There are **some** excellent schools, hospitals and other public services.*

*There aren't **any** problems with visas for foreign workers.*

- We use *some* and *any* with *singular / plural* nouns.
- We use *some / any* with *there* in positive sentences.
- We use *some / any* with *there* in negative sentences.

» For more information, go to **Grammar reference** on page 91.

3 ▶ 3.2 Two people are discussing a location for a conference. Complete their conversation with the words from the list. Then listen and check.

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A Dubai is a great location for a conference. The weather is always good.

B What about the airport? ¹_____ lots of international flights?

A Yes, ²_____. And ³_____ a problem with transport from the airport because public transport is excellent in Dubai.

B But ⁴_____ a good place for a conference?

A Yes, ⁵_____. It's the Dubai International Exhibition and Convention complex. It's perfect.

There is/There are - Rules

A

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH **THERE IS** OR **THERE ARE** (POSITIVE, NEGATIVE OR INTERROGATIVE) ACCORDING TO THE MEANING.

1. -----a new cinema in my town.
2. -----three cars in the car park outside the school.
3. ----- too much noise in that class ! could you please be quiet ?
4. ----- lots of people looking for jobs nowadays.
5. -----a lady who wants to speak to you, Miss Jennings !
6. -----a good film on TV tonight,let's go to the cinema !
7. -----seven days in a week.
8. -----sixty minutes in an hour ?
9. -----a lot of traffic, I am sure I will be late for work.
10. ----- thirty-four sentences in that exercise.
11. ----- an enormous spider on the wall !!!
12. -----anything in the fridge, we'll have to go shopping !
13. -----many very nice songs on Adele's latest CD.
14. -----enough floor to make some pancakes ?
15. -----any flowers left after those frozen mornings, so no fruit !!
16. -----plenty of funfairs in summer.
17. -----an alert for a coming very big storm, beware !!
18. -----swallows on the roof, so spring is back !
19. -----a fly on the meat, we 'd better put it back in the fridge !
20. -----many new aps on my smart phone !!Have a look !
21. -----a way to know when we will have the results of your exams ?
22. ----- many people willing to help all sorts of charities.
23. -----enough time to go to the baker's to get some bread ?
24. -----too many natural disasters these days.
25. Oh dear !-----a fly in my glass of wine !!
26. -----a reason why you want to book your holidays on a desert island ?
27. -----lots of trees in my garden.
28. -----a strange noise coming from the engine of my car.
29. -----many interesting films at the Cannes film festival this year.
30. -----an important message for you at the hotel reception.
31. I am afraid----- enough students wanting to become teachers.
32. -----a big demonstration against the new Labour Act !
33. -----twelve months in a year.
34. -----any mistakes in that exercise, or so I hope !:)



Game - puzzle

How observant are you? - pic

B**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)

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

- 1 ' There's a train at 10.30.' ' Is it a fast train?'
- 2 I'm not going to buy this shirt. too expensive.
- 3 'What's wrong?' '..... something in my eye.'
- 4 a red car outside your house. yours?
- 5 '..... anything good on TV tonight?' 'Yes, a programme I want to see at 8.15.'
- 6 'What's that building?' '..... a school.'
- 7 '..... a restaurant in this hotel?' 'No, I'm afraid not.'

There is/ There are / Is there / Are there / It is / They are / Is it / Are they

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| 1 | Your school - _____ good? | 21 | The cakes - _____ tasty? |
| 2 | The shops - _____ near here? | 22 | I like going to the market. _____ cheap. |
| 3 | You shouldn't go there. _____ quite dangerous. | 23 | The film - _____ good? |
| 4 | _____ any good schools in your area? | 24 | I like going to the market. _____ lots of fresh fruit. |
| 5 | My area is crowded. _____ lots of people. | 25 | The water - _____ warm? |
| 6 | How many shops _____ in your area? | 26 | _____ a shopping centre in your area? |
| 7 | I don't like the parks. _____ dirty. | 27 | My area is convenient. _____ a metro station. |
| 8 | I don't like the factories. _____ smelly. | 28 | These books - _____ yours? |
| 9 | I don't like my area. _____ not enough parking spaces. | 29 | I like my area. _____ nice and clean. |
| 10 | The park is great. _____ a cafe and two playgrounds. | 30 | How many parks _____ in your area? |
| 11 | I like the streets. _____ lots of parking spaces. | 31 | _____ many parks in your area? |
| 12 | How many museums _____ in your city? | 32 | _____ a cinema in your area? |
| 13 | I like my area. _____ in the South of the city. | 33 | _____ a library in your area? |
| 14 | My area is quiet. _____ near the countryside. | 34 | _____ a McDonalds in the shopping centre? |
| 15 | You should live in my area. _____ very safe. | 35 | I don't like my area. _____ nothing to do. |
| 16 | How much salt _____ in the soup? | 36 | _____ a metro station near your house? |
| 17 | _____ any supermarkets in your area? | 37 | The soup - _____ tasty? |
| 18 | I like the roads. _____ good. | 38 | _____ much to do in your town? |
| 19 | My area is built-up. _____ a lot of tall buildings. | 39 | How many good schools _____ in your area? |
| 20 | I like the sports centre. _____ lots of new equipment. | 40 | I like my area. _____ on the edge of the city. |

Spot the difference - game

The Tower

SWAY, HAMPSHIRE

If you want a different kind of holiday, then go and stay at the Tower Hotel in Sway, Hampshire. The Tower is over 200 feet high, and over 100 years old. It has got 13 floors and four double bedrooms, but no single rooms. Each bedroom is on a different floor and has got a bathroom, telephone, answerphone, mini-bar and colour TV. There is a small but magnificent

dining room on the ground floor, also a comfortable sitting room for guests to relax in. The Tower has got a small and beautiful garden with four tennis courts.

Credit cards are welcome.

For more information contact: Paul and Julie Atlas, The Tower, Barrows Lane, Sway, Hampshire.
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READING

A) Read the description of the hotel. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. The Tower is in Sway in Hampshire.
2. The Tower is over 200 feet high.
3. It has 15 floors.
4. It has 13 double bedrooms.
5. There aren't any private bathrooms.
6. There is a large dining room on the ground floor.
7. There are four tennis courts.
8. Each bedroom has got a bathroom, a telephone, an answerphone, a video and a mini-bar.
9. There are single rooms available.
10. The Tower doesn't have a garden.

B) Look at the information below and write a paragraph about the hotel . Use the description above to help you.

THE MOON HOTEL

DUBLIN 6

FACILITIES

7 bedrooms with bathroom

T.V. and telephone in all bedrooms

2 restaurants

Sitting room on first floor

Games room on ground floor

Beautiful large garden

Credit cards welcome

Information: June and Bill Flannegan,
The Moon Hotel, Dublin 6, Ireland.
Tel: 9876543 Fax: 4567889

- 4** Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about two hotels in Dubai. **Student A**, turn to page 116. **Student B**, ask Student A about The Arabian Garden Hotel. Write notes in the table below.

Example: Is there a bus to the airport?

	The Arabian Garden Hotel	The Dubai Grand Hotel
Bus to the airport?		
Car park?		
Restaurants and bars?		
Leisure facilities (swimming pool, gym)?		
Services (Internet, bank)?		
Conference/Meeting rooms?		
Other services?		

- 5** Now repeat the exercise in 4. **Student A**, ask Student B about The Dubai Grand Hotel and write notes in the table. **Student B**, turn to page 116.

- 6** Now compare the two hotels and choose one for a conference.

Student A

You work at The Arabian Garden Hotel. Use the information below to help you answer Student B's questions about the hotel.

Example: B Is there a bus to the airport?

A Yes, there's a bus every 30 minutes and there are also buses to the city centre.

The Arabian Garden Hotel

- Bus to airport every 30 minutes and to city centre every 15 minutes.
- No car park, but guests can park on the street. There is also car hire at Reception.
- Two restaurants and one bar.
- Swimming pool, gym and sauna.
- Internet access in all rooms.
- Conference room for 80 people and four meeting rooms.
- The hotel has a tourist information service and there are day trips to places of interest.

Student B

You work at The Dubai Grand Hotel. Use the information below to help you answer Student A's questions about the hotel.

Example: A Is there a bus to the airport?

B Yes, there's a bus every 20 minutes.

The Dubai Grand Hotel

- Buses to airport every 20 minutes.
- Car park for 100 cars.
- No restaurant in the hotel. There are some international restaurants near the hotel.
- Swimming pool and gym.
- Internet access in all rooms.
- Bank and post service in hotel.
- Six meeting rooms.
- The hotel has a free taxi service to city centre.