

Listening practice. Is there/ Are the...?

Objetivo: Practicar la manera correcta de preguntar acerca de los establecimientos o servicios que hay en algún lugar.

Look at this map from Paris and look at the dialogue:

About Musée du Louvre

Former historic palace housing huge art collection, from Roman sculptures to da Vinci's "Mona Lisa."

Accessibility

- ✓ Wheelchair-accessible car park
- ✓ Wheelchair-accessible lift
- ✓ Wheelchair rental
- ✓ Wheelchair-accessible entrance
- ✓ Wheelchair-accessible toilet

Offerings

- ✓ Assisted listening devices

Amenities

- ✓ Good for kids
- ✓ Toilets
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Wi-Fi



At the Paris Tourist Office, a guide helps a tourist with information about the Louvre Museum:



New words:

Subway: tren subterráneo. En París, el tren subterráneo es muy similar al "metro" de la ciudad de México.

Available: Disponible.

Toilets: Baños (retretes). La palabra "bathroom" se utiliza para referirse al baño de una casa, con regadera (bathroom: cuarto de baño)

Facilities: instalaciones.

Tourist: Hi, Good morning! I want some information about the Louvre Museum, please.

Guide: Certainly, how can I help you?

Tourist: Is there a subway station near?

Guide: Yes, there is. The Louvre-Rivoli station is very near.

Tourist: Good! And are there restaurants in the area?

Guide: Yes, there are! There is one restaurant outside the subway station, and there are also restaurants inside the museum.

Tourist: Fantastic! Inside the Museum, is there Wi-Fi available?

Guide: Yes, there is a very good Wi-Fi network in the museum.

Tourist: Finally, are there any toilets inside?

Guide: Yes, of course there are. There are toilets near the main areas of the museum. Here is a map of the facilities.

Tourist: Oh, thanks very much!

Is there a subway station near? – Yes, there is.

Are there (any) restaurants in the area? – Yes, there are.

There is a subway station near → Affirmative

~~Is there~~ a subway station near? → Intercambiamos la posición del verbo BE

Is there a subway station near? → Negative

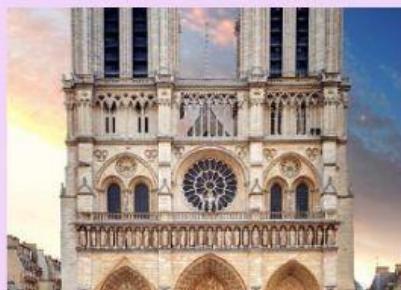
Are there any restaurants near? - Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.



El uso de plural
o singular, se
mantiene en la
respuesta

Now, listen and read this conversation (track 19 WB AIOE green)

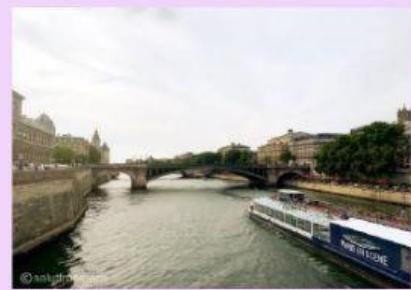
Listen again, number the order in which they mention the places, by writing the number (1-6) in the box



Church



Park



River



Tower



Museum

Listen again. How does John describe each place in Exercise 1? Use the words in the box.

Big

Beautiful

Cheap

Expensive

Old

Ugly

a the park

b the museum

c the bridge

d the river

e the church

f the tower



Listen to John and Kelly again and choose the correct answer.

- a John has a **house / an apartment** in Paris.
- b The museum **is / isn't** cheap.
- c There **are / are** over 30 / 40 bridges in Paris.
- d Kelly's hotel **is / isn't** near the Eiffel Tower.
- e There **is / isn't** a subway station near Kelly's hotel.

Kelly: Do you know Paris, John?

John: Yes, I have an apartment near the river.

Kelly: What famous places are there?

John: In Paris? Everywhere is famous! Do you have Google Maps on your phone?

Kelly: Yes, I do.

John: OK, where's your hotel?

Kelly: It's just here.

John: OK, well there's a park near the hotel – the Luxembourg Gardens. It's very big. Do you like parks?

Kelly: Oh, yes. I love them. Are there any museums near the park?

John: Yes. The Louvre is near. It's a famous museum. And it's cheap – it's only ten euros to get in.

Kelly: Oh, good. That's cheap.

John: Yes, you go down this street and over the bridge – it's a very old bridge.

Kelly: OK. Is this the river Seine?

John: Yes, it's a beautiful river. And there are over thirty bridges across the river in Paris.

Kelly: Oh? Are there any other famous buildings near the river?

John: Yes. There's the Notre Dame – it's a church. I think it's ugly, but most people like it. It's near your hotel.

Kelly: Is the Eiffel Tower near my hotel, too?

John: No, it isn't. But there's a subway station near the Eiffel Tower.

Kelly: Is there a subway near my hotel?

John: Yes, there is. So you can take the subway and then go to the top of the Eiffel Tower. It's good, but it's expensive. It's 17 euros to go to the top ...

Kelly: Seventeen euros? That's not expensive ...

Complete these exercises to practice questions:

Complete the questions with **Is there** or **Are there**.

- A _____ a pharmacy near here?
- B _____ any restaurants near your English school?
- C _____ a museum in your city?
- D _____ a hotel near here?
- E _____ any parks in your city?
- F _____ any bars near your house?

Write short answers to the questions in the exercise above.

a Yes, _____

d No, _____

b No, _____

e Yes, _____

c Yes, _____

f No, _____

Complete the questions with **any**, **a**, or **an**.

- a Is there _____ station near here?
- b Is there _____ river in your city?
- c Are there _____ stores near your house?
- d Is there _____ movie theater near your English school?
- e Are there _____ expensive hotels in your city?
- f Is there _____ airport in your city?

Complete the description with **there's** and **there are**.

Hi, I'm Mike. I'm from Yakima, in the USA.

Yakima is a beautiful city. (1) _____ a lot of old buildings. (2) _____ a big park. (3) _____ two rivers: the Yakima and the Naches and (4) _____ some lakes. Yakima is an interesting city. (5) _____ a famous museum, the Yakima Valley Museum. (6) _____ three theaters and a lot of movie theaters. And every year (7) _____ festival. I love Yakima. It's a fantastic place!

Complete the sentences with **some** or **a**.

- a There's _____ statue in the park.
- b There are _____ hotels near my house.
- c There's _____ subway station near here.
- d There are _____ people in the street.
- e There are _____ stores near the museum.
- f There's _____ new bar near here.