A, an and some

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).**

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

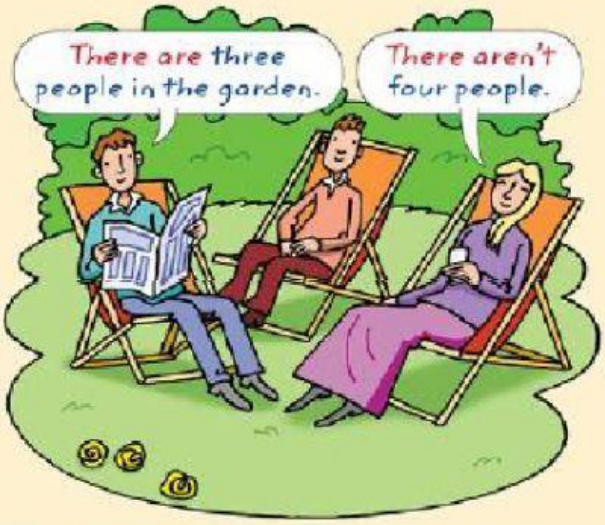
2 3.1 **Circle the correct answer. Listen and check, then listen and repeat.**

▶ There's **a** / **some** bread in the bag.
1 I can see some **bird** / **birds**.
2 There's **a snow** / **snow** on those mountains.
3 There **'s** / **are** two men on the boat.
4 Would you like **some** / **an** ice in your drink?
5 I want **some** / **two** free time.
6 You've got **a tomato sauce** / **tomato sauce** on your face!
7 I love **rain** / **a rain**!
8 This furniture **is** / **are** very nice.

3 **Circle the correct answer.**

▶ I've got **some** / **any** biscuits.
1 I can see **some** / **any** stars.
2 Why aren't there **some** / **any** chairs in here?
3 I'd like **some** / **any** coffee, please.
4 I need **some** / **any** money.
5 Are there **some** / **any** pictures in that book?
6 I can't hear **some** / **any** birds.
7 We never get **some** / **any** snow in this country.
8 I need **some** / **any** help!
8 There aren't **some** / **any** biscuits left.

Affirmative and negative

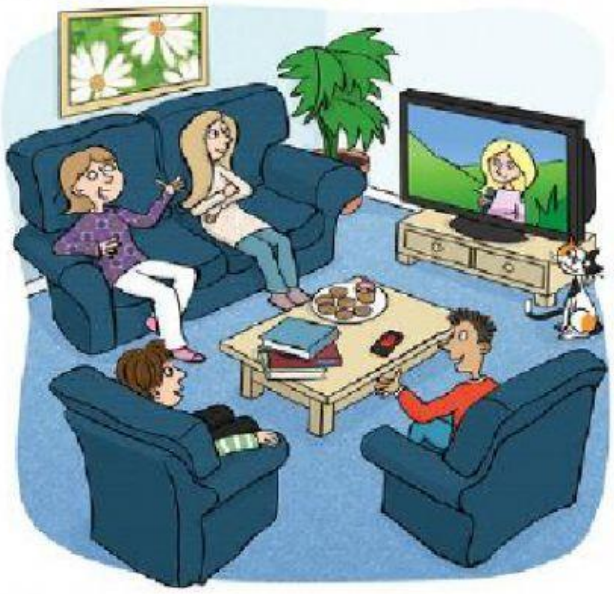


We use **there is** and **there are** to say that something or somebody exists.

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 ✗?



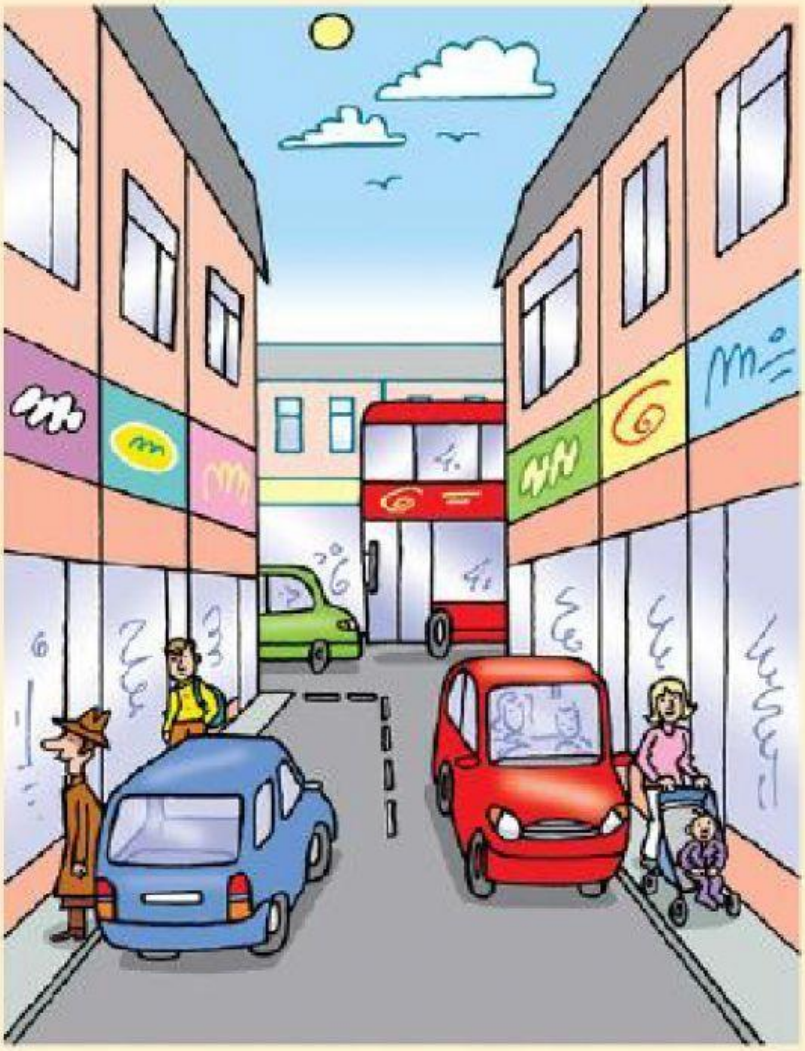
- ▶ There's a TV. ☑
- 1 There are three people. ☐
- 2 There's a cat. ☐
- 3 There are two chairs. ☐
- 4 There are two tables. ☐
- 5 There's a sofa. ☐
- 6 There's a sandwich. ☐

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 _____