## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

*there was/there were*

**1** **Circle the correct options.**

1 (There was) / *There were* a team of archaeologists in Naples.

2 *There was* / *There were* some kitchen furniture in the exhibition.

3 *Was there* / *Were there* any travellers in the storm?

4 *There wasn't* / *There weren't* any information about the objects.

5 *Was there* / *Were there* a school in Herculaneum?

6 *There was* / *There were* some old books in the box.

7 *There wasn't* / *There weren't* any clothes in the ruins.

**2** **Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

1 wasn't / rain / month / There / any / last

There wasn't any rain last month.

2 display / any / There / the / weren't / interesting / in / things

3 people / exhibition / there / the / at / many / Were / ?

4 old / baby / with / an / woman / There / a / was

5 there / box / Was / any / the / jewellery / in / ?

6 Naples / hundreds / were / in / tourists / There / of

**3** **Match 1–6 with a–f.**

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| 1 There were some | e | a | interesting display of jewellery. |
| 2 Was there a | | b | information about Herculaneum? |
| 3 There weren't any | | c | useful objects in the kitchen? |
| 4 There was an | | d | women in the team. |
| 5 Was there any | | e | Roman bowls in the museum. |
| 6 Were there any | | f | mirror in the woman's bag? |

**4** **Complete the email with *some*, *any*, *a* or *an*.**

TO: Lily

FROM: Tom

Hi Lily!

How are you? Just a quick email to tell you about our trip to Brazil! Yesterday there was [1] a big storm, so we had a day of culture. We walked around the city and there was [2] _____ fascinating museum called the Museum of Tomorrow, so we decided to go in. It's [3] _____ science museum in Rio, but [4] _____ architect from Spain designed it. There were [5] _____ amazing exhibitions about our planet, and there was [6] _____ very interesting information about it, too. There weren't [7] _____ postcards in the museum shop, but there was [8] _____ interesting little book, so I bought you that! Hope you like it!

Speak soon,
Tom

**5** **Look at the two museum displays and complete the texts with *there was(n't)/ there were(n't)*, *a*, *an*, *some* or *any*.**

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[1] There was an interesting display with objects from a Roman kitchen at our local museum. [2] _____ some wooden bowls and [3] _____ knives and forks, but there weren't [4] _____ spoons. There was [5] _____ me water bottle. There was also [6] _____ very old bread – over a thousand years old, in fact. Yummy!



My favourite display had lovely objects from a woman's bedroom. There was [7] _____ old mirror and [8] _____ gold jewellery. She was probably [9] _____ important person. [10] _____ a beautiful necklace and a bracelet too, but [11] _____ any earrings. And there was a comb with [12] _____ human hair ir





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