

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

there was/there were

### 1 Circle the correct options.

- There was / There were a team of archaeologists in Naples.
- There was / There were some kitchen furniture in the exhibition.
- Was there / Were there any travellers in the storm?
- There wasn't / There weren't any information about the objects.
- Was there / Were there a school in Herculaneum?
- There was / There were some old books in the box.
- There wasn't / There weren't any clothes in the ruins.

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

- wasn't / rain / month / There / any / last  
There wasn't any rain last month.
- display / any / There / the / weren't / interesting / in / things  
There were some interesting things in the display.
- people / exhibition / there / the / at / many / Were / ?  
Were there many people at the exhibition?
- old / baby / with / an / woman / There / a / was  
There was an old woman with a baby.
- there / box / Was / any / the / jewellery / in / ?  
Was there any jewellery in the box?
- Naples / hundreds / were / in / tourists / There / of  
There were hundreds of tourists in Naples.

### 3 Match 1-6 with a-f.

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| 1 There were some <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a interesting display of jewellery. |
| 2 Was there a <input type="checkbox"/>                | b information about Herculaneum?    |
| 3 There weren't any <input type="checkbox"/>          | c useful objects in the kitchen?    |
| 4 There was an <input type="checkbox"/>               | d women in the team.                |
| 5 Was there any <input type="checkbox"/>              | e Roman bowls in the museum.        |
| 6 Were there any <input type="checkbox"/>             | 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 <sup>1</sup> a big storm, so we had a day of culture. We walked around the city and there was <sup>2</sup> a fascinating museum called the Museum of Tomorrow, so we decided to go in. It's <sup>3</sup> a science museum in Rio, but <sup>4</sup> an architect from Spain designed it. There were <sup>5</sup> some amazing exhibitions about our planet, and there was <sup>6</sup> some very interesting information about it, too. There weren't <sup>7</sup> any postcards in the museum shop, but there was <sup>8</sup> an 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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<sup>1</sup> There was an interesting display with objects from a Roman kitchen at our local museum. <sup>2</sup> some wooden bowls and <sup>3</sup> knives and forks, but there weren't <sup>4</sup> spoons. There was <sup>5</sup> a metal water bottle. There was also <sup>6</sup> some very old bread – over a thousand years old, in fact. Yummy!

My favourite display had lovely objects from a woman's bedroom. There was <sup>7</sup> an old mirror and <sup>8</sup> some gold jewellery. She was probably <sup>9</sup> an important person. <sup>10</sup> She had a beautiful necklace and a bracelet too, but <sup>11</sup> no earrings. And there was a comb with <sup>12</sup> some human hair in it.