

Grammar

THERE IS/ARE (+ QUANTIFIER) + NOUN

There + is/are indicates that something exists, or is in a certain location. You can add a quantifier between *is/are* and the noun to give more information. Study the forms:

Form	Example
Singular count nouns <i>There is + singular count noun</i> <i>There is + quantifier* + singular count noun</i>	<i>There is a meeting</i> today. <i>There is one meeting</i> today.
Plural count nouns <i>There are + plural count noun</i> <i>There are + quantifier* + plural count noun</i>	<i>There are nomadic people</i> all over the world. <i>There are many nomadic people</i> all over the world.
Noncount nouns <i>There is + noncount noun</i> <i>There is + quantifier** + noncount noun</i>	<i>There is privacy</i> in my house. <i>There is a great deal of privacy</i> in my house.

Quantifiers that can go before a ...

*count noun: *a, a couple, a few, a large number of, a lot of, lots, (not) many, no, not any, one, plenty of, several, some, three*

**noncount noun: *a great deal of, a little, a lot of, lots, not any, no, not much, plenty of, some*

1 Complete these sentences. Use *is* or *are*.

- 1 There _____ a yard behind my house.
- 2 There _____ a large number of windows in my living room.
- 3 There _____ three bedrooms in my house.
- 4 There _____ a lot of street noise in front of my house.
- 5 There _____ plenty of light in the kitchen.
- 6 There _____ a couple of new homes down the street.
- 7 There _____ a lot of traffic in my neighborhood.
- 8 There _____ some fun things to do in my neighborhood.

2 Circle the correct quantifier.

- 1 There is one / several bathroom in my house.
- 2 There is not many / much space in my closet.
- 3 There are only a few / little empty apartments in my building.
- 4 There is a large number of / great deal of crime around here.
- 5 Why is there a / some car in front of my house?
- 6 There are some / any home improvements I want to make.
- 7 Is there a / many laundry room in your house?
- 8 Are they many / much bedrooms in your house?

3 Read the sentences in exercise 1. Which are true for you?