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

