

VERB TO BE

PRESENT & PAST



A.- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb to be (+, -?)

- 1.- I _____ a student two years ago but now I _____ a dentist.
- 2.- The children _____ at the playground yesterday.
- 3.- Sally _____ from Brazil.
- 4.- I _____ at home last night. (-)
- 5.- Bob _____ in the kitchen at the moment.
- 6.- Miss Loure _____ a beautiful actress.
- 7.- Lucia _____ in Argentina last summer.
- 8.- They _____ (-) in Paris in 1996.
- 9.- Where _____ you last weekend?
- 10.- Tom and his father _____ by the river last night.

B.- Complete with was, were, wasn't or weren't.



Hello! My name is Rebecca. Last summer
_____ very special for me. My brother
and I _____ at the summer camp in the
south of Spain. It _____ the first camp for
my brother because he went to one two
years ago. We _____ both very happy.
There _____ any other children from my school, but we
made friends quickly. The weather _____ lovely. It
_____ was sunny and warm. We had a great time.

The Indefinite Article (a or an)

The indefinite article **a** (or **an** before a word that begins with a vowel sound) is used before a noun that is general (not specific) or when its identity is not known.

In certain situations, no indefinite article is used. We do not use an indefinite article before plural nouns, and we do not use an indefinite article before non-count nouns. A non-count noun is a thing you can't count because it is too small (snow, hair, etc.) or a liquid (soup, water, etc.).

THERE IS / THERE ARE

Complete the affirmative and negative sentences with **is**, **are**, **isn't** and **aren't**.

- There _____ is _____ a cinema on that big ship. ✓
- 1 There _____ a shop near our school. ✗
 - 2 There _____ some cafés in the street. ✓
 - 3 There _____ an old bridge in Paris. ✓
 - 4 There _____ any buses today. ✗
 - 5 There _____ a library here. ✗
 - 6 There _____ ten flats in the building. ✓

C.- Complete the sentences by choosing the appropriate indefinite article (a or an) before the nouns. If no indefinite article is necessary, choose Ø.

- 1.- Roberto needs _____ pencil and _____ eraser.
- 2.- Do you have _____ homework this week?
- 3.- Alice is a police officer. She wears _____ uniform to work every day.
- 4.- I need _____ exercise and _____ sleep to stay healthy.
- 5.- We will pick up _____ large pizza and _____ beer before the soccer match.
- 6.- I want _____ Big Mac and _____ french fries.
- 7.- It's raining out! We need _____ umbrella and _____ raincoats.
- 8.- They like _____ dogs and _____ cats.
- 9.- Please buy me _____ milk and _____ loaf of bread at the supermarket.
- 10.- I have to take _____ exam in _____ hour.

Is there ... ?, Are there ... ?, How many ... ?

Complete the questions and answers. You can use the words more than once.

are how is two there's
many there isn't

- 'Is there a market?' 'No, there _____ isn't _____.'
- 1 '_____ there any restaurants?'
'Yes, there _____.'
 - 2 '_____ many schools are there?'
'There are _____.'
 - 3 '_____ there a nice square?'
'Yes, there _____.'
 - 4 'Are _____ any bookshops?'
'No, _____ aren't.'
 - 5 '_____ many new streets are there?'
'There are _____.'
 - 6 '_____ there a zoo?'
'No, there _____.'
 - 7 'How _____ bridges are there?'
'_____ one.'