



# There is OR There are?

How do we know when to use IS or ARE?

First, identify if the noun (thing) is **countable** or **uncountable**.

1. **Classify** these things into **countable** and **uncountable** nouns:

guacamole taco beef onion tomato lettuce corn lemon  
lemon juice tortilla chip avocado salt chilli pepper sugar water ice

## COUNTABLE

can be singular or plural

## UNCOUNTABLE

are always singular



2. **Read** the grammar rules,  
**then copy** into your notebook:

### + Affirmative

There is + uncountable  
There is (a/an) + singular countable  
There are + plural countable

*There is sugar in lemonade.  
There is (a) tomato and (an) egg.  
There are onions in guacamole.*

### - Negative

There isn't (any) + uncountable  
There isn't (a/an) + singular countable  
There aren't (any) + plural countable

*There isn't any salt in lemonade.  
There isn't a straw in the lemonade.  
There aren't any lemons on the table.*

### ? Interrogative

Is there (any) + uncountable  
Is there (a/an) + singular countable  
Are there (any) + plural countable

*Is there (any) sugar in lemonade?  
Is there (a) tomato and (an) egg?  
Are there (any) onions in guacamole?*

### 3. Complete the spaces in the conversation with is/isn't or are/ aren't:

Stefan: There \_\_\_\_ some **tacos** on the table. Do you want one?

Jemima: Oh, they look delicious. \_\_\_\_ there any **milk** in them? I should avoid milk.

Stefan: No, there \_\_\_\_\_ but there \_\_\_\_ lots of **chilli peppers**. Do you like spicy food?

Jemima: Yes, I do. Did you try my homemade lemonade last week?

Stefan: No, I didn't. What **ingredients** \_\_\_\_ in it?

Jemima: There \_\_\_\_ so much **sugar** in it! There \_\_\_\_ 12 **lemons** and there \_\_\_\_ a little **lemon peel**. There \_\_\_\_ a lot of **water** and **ice** to make it cold.

Stefan: My mum makes limeade sometimes. There \_\_\_\_ lots of **limes** in hers, too.

Jemima: It sounds fantastic. \_\_\_\_ there any **guacamole**?

Stefan: Yes, there \_\_\_\_\_. I made it. There \_\_\_\_ lots of **avocados** and **tomatoes** in it and there \_\_\_\_ a little **salt**. There \_\_\_\_\_ any **milk** so you should try it...

Jemima: Thank you!



### 4. Read the text on page 29. Complete the questions.

**Write** the short answers.

#### Short answers

Is there (any)... ?

Yes, there is.

No, there isn't.

Are there (any)... ?

Yes, there are.

No, there aren't.

a) Is / Are there any beans in beef tacos? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Is / Are there water in lemonade? \_\_\_\_\_

c) Is / Are there prawns in guacamole? \_\_\_\_\_

d) Is / Are there any garlic in tacos? \_\_\_\_\_

e) Is / Are there avocado in beef tacos? \_\_\_\_\_