



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.

Is there (any)... ?
Are there (any)... ?

Short answers
Yes, there is.
Yes, there are.

No, there isn't.
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? _____

