

**3 GRAMMAR** *there is / there are*

**a** Complete the sentences from *Strange Towns* with *there's*, *there are*, *there isn't* or *there aren't*.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a metro station in the town.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ some nice restaurants.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ any English people.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a town square with beautiful buildings.

**b** Complete the table with forms of *there is* or *there are*.

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There <u>is</u> a good hotel in the town centre.	There <u>isn't</u> a cinema in the town.
<u>Are</u> <u>there</u> some nice cafés.	There <u>aren't</u> any parks.

**c** Match questions 1–4 about Tharnes Town with answers a–d.

- 1 Is there a river? a No, there aren't. They're all new.
- 2 Is there a metro station? b Yes, there is. It's in the town centre.
- 3 Are there any cafés? c Yes, there are. There are lots.
- 4 Are there any old buildings? d No, there isn't. There's one in Songjiang.

**d** Complete the table with forms of *there is* or *there are*.

Yes/No questions	Short answers	
<u>Are</u> <u>there</u> a good hotel in the town?	Yes, there <u>is</u> .	No, there <u>isn't</u> .
<u>Are</u> <u>there</u> any good restaurants?	Yes, <u>there</u> <u>are</u> .	No, <u>there</u> <u>aren't</u> .

**2.29 Pronunciation** Listen to the sentences from 3a and 3c.

- 1 When do the speakers use *there's*?  
a in sentences b in questions  
c in short answers
- 2 Does the word *there* have:  
a a long vowel sound  
b a short vowel sound?