

# UNIT 8

## 1 There is, there are; one, any, some

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- Don't use a contraction in a short answer with Yes: Is there a hotel near here? Yes, **there is**. (NOT: Yes, **there's**.)
- Use **some** in affirmative statements and **any** in negative statements: There are **some** grocery stores in my neighborhood, but there aren't **any** restaurants. Use **any** in most questions: Are there **any** nice stores around here?

Complete the conversations. Choose the correct words.

- A:** **Is / Are** there any supermarkets in this neighborhood?  
**B:** No, there **isn't / aren't**, but there are **one / some** on Main Street.  
**A:** And **is / are** there a post office near here?  
**B:** Yes, **there's / there is**. It's across from the bank.
- A:** **Is / Are** there a gas station around here?  
**B:** Yes, **there's / there are** one behind the shopping center.  
**A:** Great! And are there **a / any** coffee shops nearby?  
**B:** Yes, there's a good **one / some** in the shopping center.

## 2 Quantifiers; how many and how much

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- Use **a lot** with both count and noncount nouns: Are there many traffic lights on First Avenue? Yes, there are **a lot**. Is there much traffic? Yes, there's **a lot**.
- Use **any – not none** – in negative statements: How much traffic is there on your street? There **isn't any**. = There's **none**. (NOT: There **isn't none**.)
- Use **How many** with count nouns: **How many books** do you have?
- Use **How much** with noncount nouns: **How much traffic** is there?

A Complete the conversations. Choose the correct words.

- A:** Is there **many / much** traffic in your city?  
**B:** Well, there's **a few / a little**.
- A:** Are there **many / much** Wi-Fi hotspots around here?  
**B:** No, there aren't **many / none**.
- A:** **How many / How much** restaurants are there in your neighborhood?  
**B:** There **is / are** a lot.
- A:** **How many / How much** noise **is / are** there in your city?  
**B:** There's **much / none**. It's very quiet.

B Write questions with the words in parentheses. Use **much** or **many**.

- A:** Is there much pollution in your neighborhood? (pollution)  
**B:** No, there isn't. My neighborhood is very clean.
- A:** Are there many parks in your neighborhood? (parks)  
**B:** Yes, there are. They're great for families.
- A:** Is there much crime in your neighborhood? (crime)  
**B:** There's none. It's a very safe part of the city.
- A:** Are there many laundromats in your neighborhood? (laundromats)  
**B:** There aren't any. A lot of people have their own washing machines.