

time

adjectives

distance

It vs. There

present or exist

temperature

We use **it + be** to talk about , and .

It's 10 pm. It's 25 degrees today. It's one mile to the train station.

We also use **it + be** as a 'preparatory' subject before .

It was great to see you. NOT ~~To see you was great.~~

We use **there + be + noun** to say if people and things are . You cannot use **It...** **here**.

There used to be a shopping mall in that street. NOT ~~It used to be a shopping mall in that street.~~

Compare:

- *They live on a busy road. **There** must be a lot of noise from the traffic.*
- *They live on a busy road. **It** must be very noisy. (It - living on a busy road)*

We can use **there + be + noun** with various structures:

- *there is, there are, there will be, there must be, there is likely to be, there is supposed to be, there is sure to be, there is bound to be, there must have been, there should have been, there is going to be, there used to be, etc.*