



# 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.

	<i>Short answers</i>	
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? \_\_\_\_\_

