



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 _____ a cinema in the town.
_____ some nice cafés.	There _____ any parks.

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

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| 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	
_____ a good hotel in the town?	Yes, there _____.	No, there _____.
_____ any good restaurants?	Yes, _____.	No, _____.

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?