

THERE WAS / THERE WERE

Reading Model

Read the text carefully and observe the use of **there was** and **there were**.

My Vacation at Lakeview Hotel

Last summer, my family and I went to Lakeview Hotel for our vacation. It was a very beautiful place! **There was** a big swimming pool in front of the hotel, and **there were** many tall pine trees all around us.

The room was very comfortable. **There was** a large balcony with a great view of the lake, but **there wasn't** a television in our room—we didn't mind because we spent most of our time outside.

On the main floor, **there were** two quiet restaurants. **There weren't** any noisy guests at night, so we slept very well. Near the hotel, **there was** a small beach where we went swimming every

We use **there was** and **there were** to say that something existed in the past (Past Simple of *there is / there are*).

Affirmative (+)

- **There was** + singular / uncountable noun *Example: There was* a big pool.
- **There were** + plural noun *Example: There were* many trees.

Negative (-)

- **There wasn't** (was not) + singular noun *Example: There wasn't* a TV in our room.
- **There weren't** (were not) + plural noun *Example: There weren't* any noisy guests.

Questions & Short Answers

- **Was there** a beach? → Yes, **there was**. / No, **there wasn't**.
- **Were there** any cars? → Yes, **there were**. / No, **there weren't**.

Grammar Exercises

Exercise 1: Choose the correct option

1. (There was / There were) a famous museum in the center of the city.
2. (There was / There were) three cats sitting on the wall yesterday.
3. (There wasn't / There weren't) any clean towels in the bathroom.
4. (There was / There weren't) a lovely park near our campsite.
5. (Was there / Were there) a supermarket near your vacation house?
6. (Was there / Were there) any good movies on TV last night?

Exercise 2: Complete with *There was*, *There wasn't*, *There were*, or *There weren't*

1. (+) _____ a lot of delicious food at the breakfast buffet.
2. (-) _____ any souvenirs left in the gift shop.
3. (+) _____ two flight attendants on the plane.
4. (-) _____ a heater in the tent, so we were cold.
5. (+) _____ many children playing in the pool.

Exercise 3: Match the questions with the correct answers

1. Was there a gym at the hotel?

2. Were there any tours available?

3. Were there any taxis at the airport?

4. Was there a park in the town?

A. No, there weren't, but there were buses.

B. Yes, there was. It was on the top floor.

C. Yes, there was a huge one near the castle.

D. Yes, there were two guided tours daily.

Answers: 1. [] 2. [] 3. [] 4. []

Exercise 4: Put the words in the correct order

1. a / there / near / lake / was / the cabin / ?

2. weren't / any / there / on / sunbeds / beach / the / .

3. were / delicious / many / bakery / cakes / at / there / the / .

4. wasn't / tour guide / a / with / group / our / there / .
