

## Countable nouns

Most of the nouns are countable. You can combine them with numbers, e.g *one*, *two* or *three* ( can be counted ).

- one pencil
- two apples
- Three spoons

## Uncountable nouns

These nouns cannot be combined with numbers ( cannot be counted ).

- air
- rice
- coffee
- sugar
- water

## Singular/ plural nouns

When you refer to one noun, it is considered singular.

[https://www.english-hilfen.de/en/grammar/nouns\\_singular.htm](https://www.english-hilfen.de/en/grammar/nouns_singular.htm)

When you refer to more than one noun, it is considered plural.

[https://www.english-hilfen.de/en/grammar/nouns\\_plural.htm](https://www.english-hilfen.de/en/grammar/nouns_plural.htm)

Spelling rules: (Prestar mucha atención a esta información)

<https://www.engvid.com/english-resource/spelling-of-plural-nouns-in-english/>

## There is / There are ( Existence of/ inexistence of )

### Affirmative statements:

There is + **Singular count noun**- There is **a book** on the table.

There are + **Plural nouns**- There are **squirrels** on the tree.

There is + **uncountable noun**- There is **some water** in the fridge.

There is + **a/an + singular count noun**- There is **an avocado** on the tree.

There is + **some + uncountable noun**- There is **some milk** for you here.

There are + **some + plural nouns**- There are **some shoes** in the bag.

### Negative statements:

There isn't + **singular noun**- There isn't **a phone** in the room.

There aren't + **plural count nouns**- There aren't **any apples** in the bag.

There isn't + **any** + **uncountable noun**- There isn't **any milk** in the bottle.

There aren't + **any** + **plural count nouns**- There aren't **any books** at home.

### Questions: ( verb to be + there is/there are )

Is + there + **a** + **singular count noun** - Is there **a cat** on the roof? Yes. there is  
No. there isn't

Is + there + **an** + **singular count noun**- Is there **an orange** in the bag?

Is + there + **some/ any** + **uncountable noun**- Is there **any/some flour**?

Are + there + **plural count nouns** - Are there **apples** on the tree? Yes. there are  
No. there aren't

Are + there + **any** + **plural count nouns** -Are there **any children** in the park?

Are there **any oranges** in the basket?

Are + there + **any/ some** + **plural countable nouns**- Are there **any cookies**?

## Anything/nothing ( indefinite pronouns )

### La diferencia entre anything y nothing en inglés

A veces hay un poco de confusión entre anything y nothing porque las dos palabras se pueden traducir por el español “**nada**.”

Q: **What are you doing this weekend?** = Qué haces este fin de semana?

A: **Nothing**. I'm just going to stay home. = Nada. Me quedo en casa.

Q: **Do you have plans today after work?** = Tienes algo que hacer después del trabajo?

A: No, I don't have **anything** to do. = No, no tengo nada que hacer.

La traducción literal otra vez nos engaña: en español usamos un doble negativo, pero en inglés no.

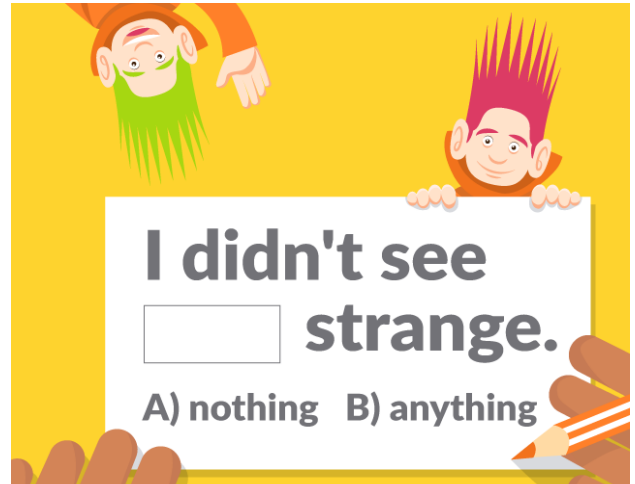
En inglés, entonces, nothing es negativo por si sólo. Anything puede ir en una frase negativa si hay una negación (don't, doesn't, isn't, aren't, haven't, won't, couldn't etc) antes.

**Nothing=**

- No thing
- Used with a singular verb
- Not used with another negative
- Use in affirmative statements

**Anything =**

- A thing of any kind ( it doesn't matter which thing
- Used with a singular verb
- Used in negative statements
- Used in questions



**Examples:**

*-What did you say? - Nothing.*

*- I have said everything I wanted to say. I have nothing more to say.*

*-We don't have anything to eat.*

*-I can't fix my computer. Nothing I've done seems to work.*

*-Q: What's that in your hand?*

*A: Nothing.*

*-Q: Have you got something in your pocket?*

*A: No, I haven't got anything in my pocket.*

*-Q: What did you say?*

*A: Nothing. I didn't say anything.*

*-Q: What did you do yesterday?*

*A: Nothing.*

*-Q: Really? You didn't do anything all day?*

*A: That's right. I just sat around doing nothing. Absolutely nothing.*

**EXERCISE: Complete the sentences with ANYTHING OR NOTHING**

1. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ from the shop?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you say will change what he thinks.
3. I know \_\_\_\_\_ about films, because I prefer books.
- 4.. I had \_\_\_\_\_ else to do, so I went to the cinema.
5. The film was \_\_\_\_\_ special, but the book was very good.
6. He didn't want to do \_\_\_\_\_ bad.
7. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ you are afraid of?
8. My girlfriend is never angry or worried about \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Her father didn't know \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
10. You don't know \_\_\_\_\_ about my life!

**HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY**

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