

The was / There were

There was and **there were** are the past tense of **there is** and **there are**.

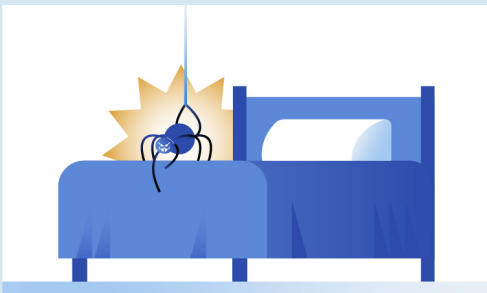
Let's remember how to use **there is** and **there are**:

There is and **there are** mean "hay" in Spanish.

✦ **There is** is used for singular nouns

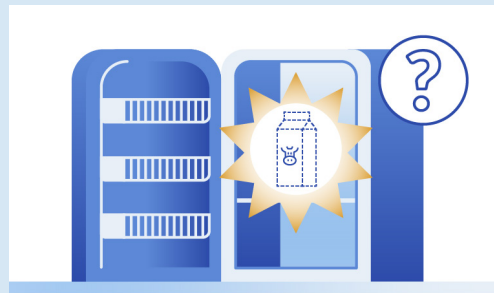
Affirmative sentences:

- **There is** a spider on my bed.



Negative sentences:

- **There isn't** any milk in the fridge.



✦ **There is** is used for singular nouns

Interrogative sentences:

- **Is there** a new restaurant in town?



- How much coffee **is there** in the jar?



★ **There are** is used for plural nouns

Affirmative sentences:

- **There are** several places to visit in Acapulco.



Negative sentences:

- **There aren't** many students in the classroom.



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Interrogative sentences:

- **Are there** many people in the mall?
- How many animals **are there** in the zoo?



Now let's introduce **there was** and **there were**

We use **there was** and **there were** to say something existed or didn't exist in the past.

There was and **there were** mean "había" o "hubo" in Spanish.

✦ **There was** is used for singular nouns

Affirmative sentences:

- **There was** a lot of traffic on the highway.



Negative sentences:

- **There wasn't** any water in the bottle.



✦ **There were** is used for plural nouns

Affirmative sentences:

- **There were** dark clouds in the sky yesterday.



Negative sentences:

- **There aren't** any children playing in the park.



✦ **There were** is used for plural nouns

Interrogative sentences:

- **Where there** many people at the concert?



- How many students **were there** in the classroom?

