

Study the structures below

★ Affirmative form

Singular affirmative statements

There was	Noun phrase	
There was	a singer	in my party.
	a lot of food	

Plural affirmative statements

There were	Noun phrase	
There were	hundreds of people	in my party.
	lots of lights	

★ Negative form

Singular negative statements

There was not / There wasn't	Noun phrase	
There was not / There wasn't	a clown	in my party.
	any wine	

Plural negative statements

There were not / There weren't	Noun phrase	
There were not / There weren't	many children	in my party.
	any unwelcome guests	

✦ Interrogative form

Yes – No questions

Was/Were	there	Noun phrase	
Was	there	a singer	in your party?
Were		many people	

Short answer

Yes	there	was/were
Yes,	there	was.
		were.
No	there	is/are + not
No,	there	wasn't.
		weren't.

✦ Questions about quantity with **how much** and **how many**

How much / many	noun	was/were	there	
How much	traffic	was	there	in the city?
How many	children	were		