



Expletive Construction

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Use '**There is**' to say that one thing (singular) exists, and '**There are**' to say that two or more things (plural) exist.

There is + one thing

Use '**There is**' when you want to talk about one thing (singular). The contracted form is '**There's**.'

Ex: There is an egg in the fridge.

There are + two or more things

Use '**There are**' when you want to talk about two or more things (plural).

Ex: There are eggs in the fridge.



Tip: You can leave out the name of the place (**'in the fridge'**) when it is clear from the context: "There's an egg!"
/ "There are eggs!"

Why does 'There is' become 'There are'?

The reason is that the subject of the sentence is **'egg'** or **'eggs'** and not **'There'**.



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. _____ a famous person in that restaurant.

- a) There is
- b) There are

2. _____ some cars on the road.

- a) There is
- b) There are

3. _____ a German club not far from here.

- a) There is
- b) There are

4. _____ more than one million people in Serbia.

- a) There is
- b) There are



5. _____ a red car in front of the apartment building.

- a) There's
- b) There are

6. _____ many yellow taxis.

- a) There's
- b) There are

7. _____ a lot of cars.

- a) There's
- b) There are

8. _____ a cat in the box.

- a) There's
- b) There are



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: two buses. → There are two buses.

Content:

1. five apples.
2. a bike.
3. some books.
4. many people.
5. an egg.
6. a lot of trees.