

6A *there is / there are*

	Singular	Plural
+	There's a piano.	There are some glasses in the cupboard.
-	There isn't a fridge.	There aren't any pictures.
?	Is there a TV?	Are there any glasses?
✓ ✗	Yes, there is. No, there isn't.	Yes, there are. No, there aren't.

- We often use *there is / are* with *a / an, some, and any*.
- Use *some* and *any* with plural nouns. *Some* = not an exact number.
- Use *some* in **+** sentences and *any* in **-** and **?**.

⚠ Be careful. *There is* and *It is* are different.
There's a key on the table. *It's* the key to the kitchen.

6B *there was / there were*

	Singular	Plural
+	There was an old TV.	There were only three guests.
-	There wasn't a remote control.	There weren't any other people.
?	Was there a ghost?	Were there any lights?
✓ ✗	Yes, there was. No, there wasn't.	Yes, there were. No, there weren't.

- *there was / were* is the past of *there is / are*.

6C present continuous: *be + verb + -ing*

+			-		
Full form	Contraction		Full form	Contraction	
I am	I'm	crying. having a party. arguing.	I am not	I'm not	crying. having a party. arguing.
You are	You're		You are not	You aren't	
He / She / It is	He / She / It's		He / She / It is not	He / She / It isn't	
We are	We're		We are not	We aren't	
You are	You're		You are not	You aren't	
They are	They're		They are not	They aren't	

?		✓	✗
Am I	crying? having a party? arguing?	Yes,	I am.
Are you			you are.
Is he / she / it			he / she / it is.
Are we			we are.
Are you			you are.
Are they		No,	I'm not. you aren't. he / she / it isn't. we aren't. you aren't. they aren't.

- Use the present continuous for things that are happening now.
It's raining. The baby's crying.
- For the spelling of the *-ing* form see Grammar Bank 4B.

6D simple present or present continuous?

Simple present	Present continuous
My sister works in a bank.	Today she's working at home.
What do you usually wear to work?	What are you wearing now?

- Use the simple present to say what you usually do.
- Use the present continuous to say what you are doing now.

⚠ Be careful with *do*.
A What **do you do**? (= What's your job?)
B I'm a teacher.
A What **are you doing**? (= now, at the moment)
B I'm waiting for a friend.

Be careful. Some verbs are not normally used in the present continuous, e.g., *want, like, need, have* (= possession), and *know*.

6A

a Complete the sentences with *There's* or *There are*.

- There's* _____ a sofa in the living room.
 1 _____ four cups in the cupboard.
 2 _____ a clock in the kitchen.
 3 _____ lots of chairs.
 4 _____ a garage.
 5 _____ some pictures on the wall.
 6 _____ a desk in the study.

b Write ☐+, ☐-, or ☐? sentences with *there is / are*.

- ☐+ chairs / the yard *There are some chairs in the yard.*
 1 ☐+ table / the kitchen
 2 ☐? fireplace / the living room
 3 ☐- plants / the living room
 4 ☐? cupboards / the kitchen
 5 ☐- shower / bathroom
 6 ☐+ shelves / study

6B

a Look at the hotel information. Write ☐+ or ☐- sentences with *There was / were*.

	Hotel Astoria
<i>There weren't any single rooms.</i>	single rooms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
1 _____	double rooms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 _____	swimming pool <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 _____	restaurant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 _____	parking lot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
5 _____	stores <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X

b Complete with the correct form of *there was* or *there were*.

- A How many guests were there in the hotel?
 B ¹ _____ four including me. ² _____
 a French tourist and ³ _____ two businessmen.
 A ⁴ _____ a restaurant?
 B No, ⁵ _____, but ⁶ _____ a bar.
 A What ⁷ _____ in your room?
 B ⁸ _____ a minibar and a TV.
 A ⁹ _____ two beds?
 B No, ¹⁰ _____, ¹¹ _____ a double bed.

6C

a Write a question and answer for each picture.



- 1 *What's he doing?* He _____.
 2 _____?
 3 _____?

b Put the verbs in parentheses in the present continuous.

- A Hello.
 B Oh, hi, Dad. Where are you?
 A I'm in my hotel. *I'm having* lunch. (have)
 It ¹ _____ a lot here. Is Mom there? (rain)
 B Yes, but she ² _____ to somebody on the cell phone
 right now. (talk)
 A Oh. What ³ _____ you _____? (do)
 B My friend Matt is here.
 A Matt? Why ⁴ _____ you _____ your homework? (not do)
 B Don't worry. We ⁵ _____ together. (study)
 A Where's Jenny?
 B She ⁶ _____ for Kevin to come. (wait)
 They ⁷ _____ a party tonight. (have)
 A Oh. What ⁸ _____ she _____? (wear)
 B Nothing special. OK, Dad, here's Mom. Bye.

6D

a Mark the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X).

- It rains at the moment. ☒X
 1 Listen! The baby's crying. ☐
 2 My neighbors often argue. ☐
 3 John's on vacation. He has a great time. ☐
 4 My brother's staying with us right now. ☐
 5 I'm usually going to the gym after work. ☐
 6 A Where are you going? B To the stores. ☐
 7 A What are you doing? B I'm a teacher. ☐

b Put the verbs in the simple present or present continuous.

- Where are you going? (go) To play soccer – see you later!
 1 A Hi, Sarah! What _____ you _____ here? (do)
 B I _____ for my boyfriend. (wait)
 2 A What _____ your mother _____? (do)
 B She's a nurse. She _____ at the local hospital. (work)
 3 Listen! They _____ a party upstairs again. (have)
 They _____ a party at least once a month! (have)
 4 I _____ to the supermarket. (go)
 _____ you _____ anything? (want)