

# Exercises

**84.1** Put in **there is/was** or **it is/was**. Some sentences are questions (**is there ... ? / is it ... ?** etc.) and some are negative (**isn't/wasn't**).

- The journey took a long time. There was a lot of traffic.
- What's this restaurant like? Is it good?
- Is there something wrong with the computer. Can you check it for me?
- I wanted to visit the museum, but there wasn't enough time.
- 'What's that building?' Is it a hotel?' 'No, it's a theatre.'
- How do we get across the river? Is there a bridge?
- A few days ago there was a big storm, which caused a lot of damage.
- I can't find my phone. Is it in my bag – I just looked.
- It's often cold here, but there isn't much snow.
- 'How was your trip?' ' It was a disaster. Everything went wrong.'
- There wasn't anything on television, so I turned it off.
- ' Is there a bookshop near here?' 'Yes, there is one in Hudson Street.'
- When we got to the cinema, there was a queue outside. It was a very long queue, so we decided not to wait.
- I couldn't see anything. It was completely dark.
- It's difficult to get a job right now. There is a lot of unemployment.

**84.2** Read the first sentence and then write a sentence beginning **There ...**

- The roads were busy yesterday. There was a lot of traffic.
- This soup is very salty. There is something wrong in the soup.
- The box was empty. There is nothing in the box.
- The film is very violent. There is a lot of blood
- The shopping mall was crowded. There are a lot of people
- I like this town – it's lively. There is a lot of life

**84.3** Complete the sentences. Use **there will be**, **there would be** etc. Choose from:

**will    may    ~~would~~    wouldn't    should    used to    (be) going to**

- If people drove more carefully, there would be fewer accidents.
- 'Do we have any eggs?' 'I'm not sure. There may be some in the fridge.'
- I think everything will be OK. I don't think there will be any problems.
- Look at the sky. There is a storm.
- 'Is there a school in the village?' 'Not now. There was one, but it closed.'
- People drive too fast on this road. I think there should be a speed limit.
- If people weren't aggressive, there wouldn't be any wars.

**84.4** Are these sentences right or wrong? Change it to **there** where necessary.

- They live on a busy road. It must be a lot of noise. There must be a lot of noise.
- It's a long way from my house to the nearest shop. It is
- After the lecture it will be an opportunity to ask questions. There will be
- I like where I live, but it would be nicer to live by the sea. It would be
- Why was she so unfriendly? It must have been a reason. There must have been
- It's three years since I last went to the theatre. It was
- A: Where can we park the car?  
B: Don't worry. It's sure to be a car park somewhere. There is sure to be
- It was Ken's birthday yesterday. We had a party. There was
- The situation is still the same. It has been no change. There has been
- It used to be a church here, but it was knocked down. It used to be
- I was told that it would be somebody to meet me at the station, but it wasn't anybody. There was
- I don't know who'll win, but it's sure to be a good game. It's sure to be