

there was / there were (past)



There is a train every hour.

The time now is 11.15.

There was a train at 11 o'clock.

Compare:

there is/are (present)

- There is nothing on TV tonight.
- We are staying at a very big hotel.
 There are 550 rooms.
- Is everything OK? Are there any problems?
- I'm hungry, but there isn't anything to eat.

there was/were (past)

- There was nothing on TV last night.
- We stayed at a very big hotel.
 There were 550 rooms.
- Was everything OK yesterday? Were there any problems?
- I was hungry when I got home, but there wasn't anything to eat.

there has been / there have been (present perfect)



- Look! There's been an accident. (there's been = there has been)
- This road is very dangerous. There have been many accidents.

Compare there was (past):

There was an accident last night.
(not There has been an accident last night.)

For past simple and present perfect, see Unit 20.

there will be

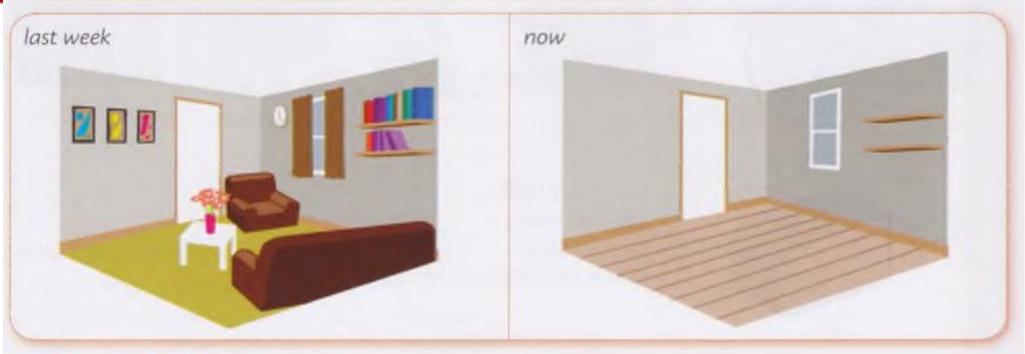


- Do you think there will be a lot of people at the party on Saturday?
- The manager of the company is leaving, so there will be a new manager soon.
- I'm going away tomorrow. I'll do my packing today because there won't be time tomorrow.

(there won't be = there will not be)

Look at the two pictures. Now the room is empty, but what was in the room last week? Choose from the box and write sentences with There was ... or There were

an armchair a carpet some flowers a sofa some books a clock three pictures a small table



1	There was a clock.	on the wall near the window.
2	***************************************	on the floor.
3		on the wall near the door.
4		in the middle of the room.
5		on the table.
6		on the shelves.
7		in the corner near the door.
8		opposite the armchair.

Write there was / there wasn't / was there or there were / there weren't / were there. 1 I was hungry, but there wasn't anything to eat. 2 Was everything OK yesterday? Were there any problems? I opened the envelope, but it was empty. _____ nothing in it. 4 'We stayed at a very nice hotel.' 'Really? a swimming pool?' 5 'Did you buy any bananas?' 'No, any in the shop.' 6 The wallet was empty. any money in it. 7 '...... many people at the meeting?' 'No, very few.' We didn't visit the museum. enough time. 9 I'm sorry I'm late. a lot of traffic. 10 Twenty years ago _____ many tourists here. Now there are a lot.

Write there + is / are / was / were / has been / have been / will be. There was a good film on TV last night. 24 hours in a day. a party at the club last Friday, but I didn't go. 4 'Where can I get something to eat?' ' a cafe at the end of the street.' 5 'Why are the police outside the bank?' ' a robbery.' 6 When we arrived at the theatre, a long queue outside. 7 When you arrive tomorrow, somebody at the station to meet you. Ten years ago 500 children at the school. Now more than a thousand.

Last week I went back to the town where I was born. It's very different now.

10 I think everything will be OK. I don't think any problems.

a lot of changes.