RULE SHEET

there is and there are



there is + singular noun: There **is** a desk in my room. **there are** + plural noun: There **are** posters in my room. The short form of there is: **there's**.

Form

Form	Singular	Plural
Positive	There **is** a sofa. · There**'s** a sofa.	There **are** chairs.
Negative	There **isn't** a TV.	There are **no** plants. · There **aren't** shops, but there is a market.
Question	**Is there** a garden?	**Are there** shops?
Short answers	Yes, there **is**. · No, there **isn't**.	Yes, there **are**. · No, there **aren't**.

More examples

- There's a new pizza place in our street!
- Is there a lift in your school? – No, there **isn't**.

> **Watch out! there is ≠ it is**: There is a dog in the garden. It is brown. · Plural noun after there are: There are book**s** (not: There are book). · Short answer: Yes, there **is**. (not: Yes, there's. / Yes, it is.)

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____



there is or there are?

1 Tick is or are.

1. There _____ a bed in my room. ○ is ○ are
2. There _____ posters in my room. ○ is ○ are
3. There _____ a big window in the kitchen. ○ is ○ are
4. There _____ chairs in the classroom. ○ is ○ are
5. There _____ an old piano in the hall. ○ is ○ are
6. There _____ apples in the fridge. ○ is ○ are
7. There _____ a mouse in the garden! ○ is ○ are
8. There _____ toys in the box. ○ is ○ are

2 Write there is or there are.

Example: _____ a computer in my room. → *There is*

1. _____ a tree in our garden.
2. _____ shops in my street.
3. _____ a sandwich in my bag.
4. _____ boys and girls in my class.
5. _____ an orange in the bowl.
6. _____ comics in my bag.
7. _____ a café in the park.
8. _____ buses in the town centre.