

# 'There is' and 'There are'

- How do we make statements and questions with 'There is' and 'There are'? Study the **grammar reference chart** below.

We use <b>'there is'</b> and <b>'there are'</b> to say that something exists.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Singular:</b> there is <b>There is</b> a tree in the yard.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Plural:</b> there are <b>There are</b> two cats on the chair.</li> </ul>
<b>Contraction</b>	<b>Contraction</b>
<b>There is</b> a tree. = <b>There's</b> a tree.	~You <u>cannot</u> contract <b>'There are'</b>
<b>Negative</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<b>There is not</b> a tree in the yard.	<b>There are not</b> two cats on the chair.
<b>Negative Contraction</b>	<b>Negative Contraction</b>
<b>There's not</b> a tree in the yard. <b>There isn't</b> a tree in the yard.	<b>There aren't</b> two cats on the chair.
<b>Question</b>	<b>Question</b>
<b>Is there</b> a tree in the yard?	<b>Are there</b> two cats on the chair?
<b>Any</b>	<b>Any</b>
~Use <b>'any'</b> in questions with uncountable nouns: Q: <b>Is there any</b> water in the cup? A: Yes, <b>there is</b> . / No, <b>there isn't</b> .	~Use <b>'any'</b> in questions with plural nouns: Q: <b>Are there any</b> cats? A: Yes, <b>there are</b> . / No, <b>there aren't</b> .
~Use <b>'any'</b> in negative sentences: <b>There isn't any</b> water in the cup.	~Use <b>'any'</b> in negative sentences: <b>There aren't any</b> cats.
<b>How many</b>	
<b>How many</b> trees <b>are there</b> (in the yard)?	
<b>How many</b> cats <b>are there</b> (on the chair)?	

