

# 85 "There"

"There" can be used with a form of "be" to talk about the existence or presence of a person or thing. Sentences with "there" can be used in many different tenses.

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## 85.1 "THERE" IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE

"There is" is used to talk about singular or uncountable nouns, and "there are" is used to talk about plural nouns.

**There is** a hospital in my town.



**There are** three hospitals in my town.



### FURTHER EXAMPLES

**There is** a market every Saturday.

**There is** always traffic in the city.

Uncountable noun.

**There are** several schools and colleges.

**There are** some restaurants and bars.

### HOW TO FORM



## 85.2 "THERE" IN THE PAST SIMPLE

In the past simple, "there was" is used to talk about singular or uncountable nouns, and "there were" is used to talk about plural nouns.



**There was** a party here last night.

**There were** 150 people at the party!

### FURTHER EXAMPLES

**There was** singing and dancing.



**There were** balloons and streamers.



**There was** a clown to entertain the children.



**There were** speeches after the meal.



**There was** a huge mess to clean afterwards.



**There were** waiters to refill the guests' drinks.



### HOW TO FORM



### 85.3 "THERE" IN THE PRESENT PERFECT

In the present perfect, "there has been" is used to talk about singular or uncountable nouns, and "there have been" is used to talk about plural nouns.

**There has been** a decrease in client satisfaction.



**There have been** lots of complaints recently.



↑ "Been" doesn't change form.

#### FURTHER EXAMPLES

**There has been** increased pressure on employees.



**There have been** many new jobs advertised.



**There has been** a steady rise in unemployment.



**There have been** some thefts in the office.



**There has been** a decrease in petty crime.



**There have been** more training days for staff.



**There has been** success in hiring graduates.



**There have been** big bonuses this year.



#### HOW TO FORM

"THERE"

"HAS BEEN"

SINGULAR NOUN

REST OF SENTENCE

**There**

**has been**

**a decrease**

**in client satisfaction.**

"THERE"

"HAVE BEEN"

PLURAL NOUN

REST OF SENTENCE

**There**

**have been**

**lots of complaints**

**recently.**

## 85.4 "THERE" IN THE FUTURE

In the future with "will," "there will be" is used to talk about both singular and plural nouns.

**There will be** a fire drill on Monday.

**There will be** fire wardens around to help.



In the future with "going to," "there is going to be" is used to talk about singular nouns, and "there are going to be" is used to talk about plural nouns.

**There is going to be** a big announcement.

**There are going to be** big changes!



### FURTHER EXAMPLES

**There will be** a train strike next week.

**There is going to be** a meeting at the office.

**There will be** replacement bus services.

**There are going to be** severe delays.

### HOW TO FORM

