

# 'There is' and 'There are'

- We use '**there is**' and '**there are**' to say that something exists.

- **Singular:** there is  
**There is** a tree in the yard.

## Contraction

**There is** a tree. = **There's** a tree.

## Negative

**There is not** a tree in the yard.

## Negative Contraction

**There's not** a tree in the yard.

**There isn't** a tree in the yard.

## Question

**Is there** a tree in the yard?

## Any

~Use '**any**' in questions with uncountable nouns:

Q: **Is there** any water in the cup?

A: Yes, **there is**. / No, **there isn't**.

~Use '**any**' in negative sentences:

**There isn't** any water in the cup.

- **Plural:** there are  
**There are** two cats on the chair.

## Contraction

~You cannot contract '**There are**'

## Negative

**There are not** two cats on the chair.

## Negative Contraction

**There aren't** two cats on the chair.

## Question

**Are there** two cats on the chair?

## Any

~Use '**any**' in questions with plural nouns:

Q: **Are there** any cats?

A: Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.

~Use '**any**' in negative sentences:

**There aren't** any cats.

## How many

How many trees **are there** (in the yard)?

How many cats **are there** (on the chair)?

