

There Is or There Are?

There is means that something exists, or is in a place. We use **there is** when something is singular, and **there are** when something is plural. Here is an example:

There is milk in the glass. (*milk* is a singular noun, so we use **there is**)

There are cookies on the plate. (*cookies* is a plural noun, so we use **there are**)

Instructions, Part 1:

Write **there is** or **there are** in the blank to finish the Bible verse.

1. _____ only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. (Romans 10:12)
2. A large crop is in the field, but _____ only a few workers. (Matthew 9:37)
3. _____ one thing you still need to do. (Luke 18:22)
4. _____ some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything. (Luke 18:27)
5. _____ many rooms in my Father's house. (John 14:2)
6. But _____ someone else who speaks for me, and I know what he says is true. (John 5:32)

Instructions, Part 2:

Here are three sentences with **there is** and **there are**. First, change the sentence into a question. Then write an answer to the question, either positive or negative. Here is an example:

Sentence: There is an apple on the table.

Question: Is there an apple on the table?

Answer: Yes, there is. (positive)

No, there isn't. (negative)

1. There are three books on the desk.
2. There is a nice park near our home.
3. There are four people in your family.

Answers are on the next page.

Part 1 Answers:

The noun is underlined so you can see if it is singular or plural.

1. There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. (Romans 10:12)
2. A large crop is in the field, but there are only a few workers. (Matthew 9:37)
3. There is one thing you still need to do. (Luke 18:22)
4. There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything. (Luke 18:27)
5. There are many rooms in my Father's house. (John 14:2)
6. But there is someone else who speaks for me, and I know what he says is true. (John 5:32)

Part 2 Answers:

1. Sentence: There are three books on the desk.
Question: Are there three books on the desk?
Answer: Yes, there are. (positive)
No, there aren't. (negative)
1. Sentence: There is a nice park near our home.
Question: Is there a nice park near our home?
Answer: Yes, there is. (positive)
No, there isn't. (negative)
1. Sentence: There are two bus stops near the grocery store.
Question: Are there two bus stops near the grocery store?
Answer: Yes, there are. (positive)
No, there aren't. (negative)