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# Enter the World of Grammar

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## Countable / Uncountable nouns- There is / There are

Read and write **is** or **are**.



**Micer:** Let's make a chocolate cheesecake.

**Mout:** Yes, that's a great idea.

**Micer:** OK. There is a packet of butter and a bottle of milk in the fridge. There are two bars of chocolate in the cupboard.

**Mout:** Are there any strawberries for the cake?

**Micer:** No, there are not.

**Mout:** Micer, are there any cheese in the fridge?

**Micer:** Cheese? No, there are not.

**Mout:** Listen, there is some money in the cookie jar. Let's buy some cheese and some strawberries.



**Micer:** Mout, there are not any money in the cookie jar.

**Mout:** Oh, look! It's Lucy! She has got strawberries and cheese.

**Micer:** Lucy! Thanks!





## A Countable nouns - Uncountable nouns

### Countable nouns

- can be counted.
- have singular and plural forms.
- We can use **a / an** or **numbers** before them:  
a bag - ten bags

### Uncountable nouns

- cannot be counted.
- have only singular form.
- We **cannot** use **a / an** or **numbers** before them:

milk

~~a milk~~~~ten milks~~

BUT

some milk

a lot of milk

a little milk

We use these words to show quantity.

Uncountable nouns are usually:

| food   | liquids | materials | abstract nouns | various nouns |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| bread  | water   | silver    | love           | news          |
| cheese | milk    | wood      | help           | money         |
| meat   | wine    | gold      | hope           | traffic       |
| etc.   | etc.    | etc.      | etc.           | etc.          |

Many **uncountable nouns** can be counted if we use the following words:

cup, bottle, jar, glass, slice, bar, packet, piece, loaf, carton etc.

### Uncountable

coffee



marmalade



butter



water



bread



cake



chocolate



milk



### Countable

a cup of coffee

three jars of marmalade

two packets of butter

three glasses of water

a loaf of bread/ a slice of bread

a piece of cake

two bars of chocolate

a bottle of milk, a carton of milk

## B There is - There are

| Affirmative | Interrogative | Negative                     |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| There is    | Is there...?  | There is not / There isn't   |
| There are   | Are there...? | There are not / There aren't |

- We use **there is** with **uncountable** or **singular countable** nouns:

There is some bread on the table.

Is there a glass on the table?

- We use **there are** with **plural countable** nouns:

There are three cups on the table.

### NOTE

**There is**

a bicycle in the garden.

(We say that something exists.)

It is

a new bicycle.

(We give information about it.)

**There are**

some books on the shelf.

(We say that some things exist.)

They are

old books.

(We give information about them.)

### ACTIVITIES

#### A Communication - Pairwork

Ask and answer questions about the picture using the phrases below.



three pieces of cheese

two children

five chocolate bars

five sandwiches

four balloons

four bottles of orange juice



e.g. **A:** Are there three pieces of cheese on the table?

**B:** No, there aren't three pieces of cheese on the table. There are two pieces of cheese.

**B Write the words under the correct heading.**

~~butter~~, ~~spoon~~, knife, egg, orange juice, money, boy, salt, fork, plate, gold, packet, love, coffee, cup, traffic

**Countable Nouns**

*spoon*

**Uncountable Nouns**

*butter*

**C Write a, an or some.**

- There's a clock on the wall.
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ money in my pocket.
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ man at the door.
- Is there \_\_\_\_\_ apple in the fridge?
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ milk in the glass.

**D Write there, it or they.**

- A:** Are there any oranges on the table?

**B:** Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ are.

**A:** Are \_\_\_\_\_ small?

**B:** No, \_\_\_\_\_ aren't. \_\_\_\_\_ are big.
- A:** Is \_\_\_\_\_ a cake shop near here?

**B:** Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ is.

**A:** Is \_\_\_\_\_ near the post office?

**B:** No, \_\_\_\_\_ isn't. \_\_\_\_\_ is near the library.

**E Match the words with the pictures. Then write phrases as in the example.**

- tea
- marmalade
- cheese
- milk
- bread
- chocolate
- wine
- sugar



- a cup of tea
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**F** Look at the picture and write sentences with **There is** or **There are**.



1. *There are two packets of sugar.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

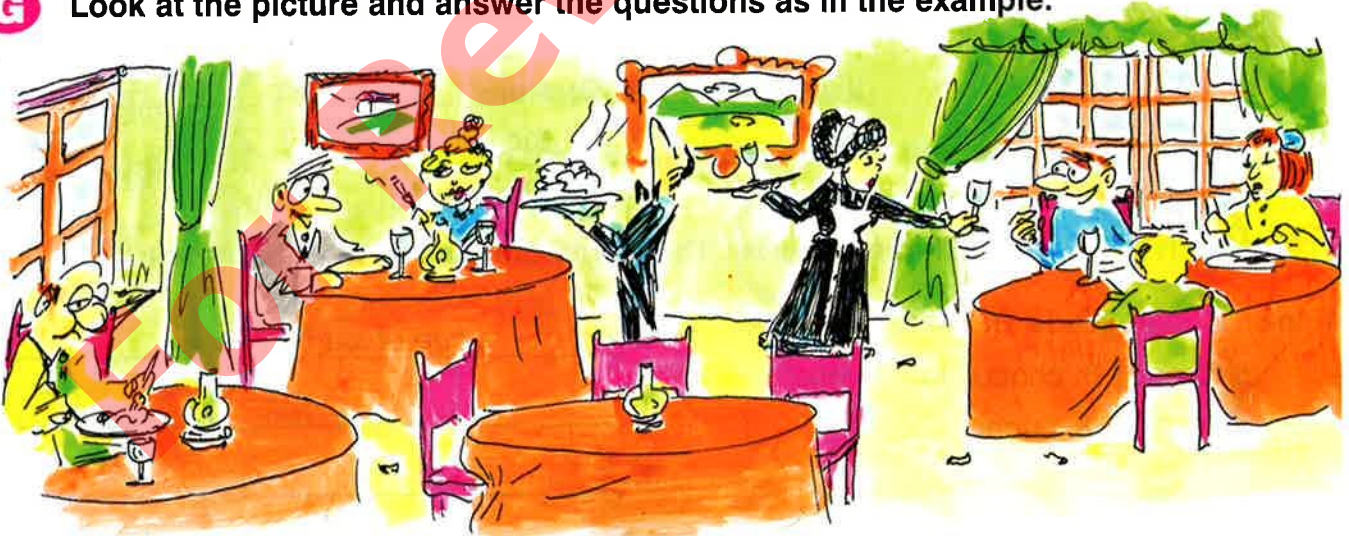
4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

**G** Look at the picture and answer the questions as in the example.



1. Are there five tables in the restaurant?

*No, there aren't. There are four tables.*

2. Is there one glass in the restaurant?

3. Are there ten people in the restaurant?

4. Are there three windows in the restaurant?

5. Is there one chair in the restaurant?



# Present Simple

Read about Sarah Tiles' everyday life and answer the questions below.



Hi! I'm Sarah Tiles and I'm a film star. I am busy every day.



I always get up at 6.30 a.m.. I usually take a shower and have breakfast. I don't drink coffee.



I always walk to work. I never drive. I get to the studio at 7.30 a.m. and a hairdresser brushes my hair. A make-up artist puts my make-up on. Then, at 8.30 a.m., I start work. There are five actors in the film.



At 2.00 p.m. we have lunch at the studio. I don't eat at home. We usually have sandwiches but sometimes we have chicken salad. I go home at 3.30 p.m..

Once a week, I swim and on Sundays I go sailing on my yacht. Do I like my life? Yes, yes, yes.....

1. Does Sarah get up at 6.30 a.m?
2. Does the hairdresser brush her hair at home?
3. Does she always eat sandwiches for lunch?
4. Does she swim once a week?
5. Do you like film stars?

Yes, she does.

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