

# There's a Café on the Corner

Lesson 8 · There Is / There Are · A1 · 30 minutes

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★ **In this lesson you will learn to:**

- Use **there is / there's** for one thing
- Use **there are** for many things
- Make negatives: **there isn't / there aren't**
- Ask questions: **Is there...? Are there...?**
- Describe your neighbourhood and city

## 1 Warm-Up: Is or Are?

We use **there is / there are** to say that something **exists** in a place. Choose by **number**:

### THERE IS

*(one thing)*

There **is** a café.  
There **is** a park.  
There **'s** a school. *(short)*

### THERE ARE

*(many things)*

There **are** two cafés.  
There **are** many shops.  
There **are** some trees.

★ **Simple rule:** ONE thing = **there is** (short: *there's*). TWO or more = **there are**. That's it!

## 2 Our Neighbourhood Walk

Mr Brown takes the class for a walk around the neighbourhood.

*A sunny street in north London. The class walks together.*

**Mr Brown** OK everyone, look around! What can you see? Use "there is" or "there are".

**Anna** Oh! **There's** a beautiful café on the corner. And **there are** some flowers outside.

**Marco** **There's** a supermarket next to the café. And **there are** two banks on this street.

**Mr Brown** Good! **Is there** a post office near here?

**Yuki** Hmm... No, **there isn't** a post office. But **there's** one on King Street.

**Mr Brown** And **are there** any restaurants?

**Anna** Yes! **There are** three restaurants — Italian, Indian and Chinese.

**Marco** Look! **There's** a park over there. And **there are** children playing football.

**Yuki** **Are there** any bus stops near here?

**Mr Brown** Yes, **there's** a bus stop right there, next to the park.

**Anna** **There are** so many nice shops! **There's** a bookshop, a bakery and a flower shop.

**Marco** **Are there** any car parks? I can't see one.

**Mr Brown** No, **there aren't** any car parks on this street. But **there's** one behind the supermarket.

■ **there is / there's** = one thing    ■ **there are** = many things    ■ **there isn't / aren't** = negative

### 3 Neighbourhood Words

20 places you find in a town or city.

English	Turkish	Example
<b>a café</b>	<i>kafe</i>	There's a café on the corner.
<b>a restaurant</b>	<i>restoran</i>	There are three restaurants.
<b>a supermarket</b>	<i>süpermarket</i>	There's a supermarket.
<b>a shop</b>	<i>dükkan</i>	There are many shops.
<b>a bakery</b>	<i>fırın</i>	There's a bakery.
<b>a bookshop</b>	<i>kitapçı</i>	Is there a bookshop?
<b>a bank</b>	<i>banka</i>	There are two banks.
<b>a post office</b>	<i>postane</i>	There isn't a post office.
<b>a park</b>	<i>park</i>	There's a big park.
<b>a school</b>	<i>okul</i>	There are two schools.
<b>a hospital</b>	<i>hastane</i>	Is there a hospital?
<b>a pharmacy</b>	<i>eczane</i>	There's a pharmacy.
<b>a bus stop</b>	<i>otobüs durağı</i>	There's a bus stop.
<b>a car park</b>	<i>otopark</i>	There aren't any car parks.
<b>a church</b>	<i>kilise</i>	There's an old church.
<b>a mosque</b>	<i>cami</i>	There's a mosque.
<b>a library</b>	<i>kütüphane</i>	Is there a library?
<b>a gym</b>	<i>spor salonu</i>	There's a gym.
<b>a street</b>	<i>sokak / cadde</i>	There are many streets.
<b>a corner</b>	<i>köşe</i>	There's a café on the corner.

## 4 Grammar Focus: There Is / There Are

Three boxes: affirmative, negative, and questions.

### ▶ A. Affirmative: There is / There are

Use these to say something **exists** in a place.

Form	Short form	Use with	Example
There is	There's	singular / uncountable	There's a park near my house.
There are	—	plural	There are two shops on my street.

**! Note:** We usually use **there's** (short form) in speaking. There is NO short form for "there are" — we always say *there are*.

### ✗ B. Negative: There isn't / There aren't

Add **not** after is/are to say something does NOT exist.

Full form	Short form	Example
There is not	<b>There isn't</b>	There isn't a post office here.
There are not	<b>There aren't</b>	There aren't any car parks.

★ **With "any":** In negatives, we often use **any**: *There aren't any shops.*

### ▶ C. Questions & Short Answers

Swap **there** and **is/are** to make a question.

Question	Yes	No
Is there a café?	Yes, there is.	No, there isn't.
Are there any shops?	Yes, there are.	No, there aren't.

★ **With "any"**: In questions with plurals, use **any**: *Are there **any** restaurants?*

**5 Game: There Is or There Are?**

10 sentences. Circle the correct form. (Answer key below.)

#	Sentence	Answer
1	___ a café on the corner.	<b>There is</b>
2	___ three parks in my city.	<b>There are</b>
3	___ any car parks on this street.	<b>There aren't</b>
4	___ a hospital near here?	<b>Is there</b>
5	___ two banks next to the post office.	<b>There are</b>
6	___ a bus stop near the park.	<b>There's</b>
7	___ any good restaurants?	<b>Are there</b>
8	___ a library in my town.	<b>There isn't</b>
9	___ many shops on King Street.	<b>There are</b>
10	___ a gym near your house?	<b>Is there</b>

## 6 Quick Check

6 questions. Circle your answer.

1. '\_\_\_ a supermarket on my street.'

- A. There are
- B. There is
- C. Are there

2. '\_\_\_ any parks near your house?'

- A. Is there
- B. There are
- C. Are there

3. **Negative:** '\_\_\_ a hospital in this village.'

- A. There aren't
- B. There isn't
- C. There are

4. **Which is correct?**

- A. There are a café.
- B. There is a café.
- C. There is cafés.

5. 'Are there any shops?' — 'No, \_\_\_'

- A. there isn't.
- B. there aren't.
- C. there are.

6. '\_\_\_ two schools and a library.'

- A. There is
- B. There's
- C. There are

★ **Quiz Answer Key:** 1. **B** · 2. **C** · 3. **B** · 4. **B** · 5. **B** · 6. **C**

## 7 Fill in the Blanks

Anna writes about her neighbourhood. Fill in the correct form.

1. \_\_\_ a beautiful café on the corner.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ many nice shops on my street.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_ a post office in my area.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_ three restaurants.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_ a hospital near here?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_ any car parks on this street.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_ a bus stop next to the park.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_ any parks in your neighbourhood?

\_\_\_\_\_

### ★ Answer Key:

1. **There's** · 2. **There are** · 3. **There isn't** · 4. **There are** · 5. **Is there** · 6. **There aren't** · 7. **There's** · 8. **Are there**

## 8 Your Turn: Speaking & Writing

Describe the places near **YOU**.

### ► Speaking Task: My Neighbourhood

Work with a partner. Ask and answer about your neighbourhood using **Is there...? / Are there...?**

#### Example dialogue:

**A: Is there** a park near your house?

**B: Yes, there is.** It's very big.

**A: Are there** any good restaurants?

**B: Yes, there are** two Italian restaurants and a pizza place.

**A: Is there** a gym?

**B: No, there isn't.** But **there's** a swimming pool.

#### Prompts to try:

- Is there a park / supermarket / café near your home?
- Are there any good restaurants in your area?
- Is there a bus stop or metro station near you?
- Are there any schools or hospitals nearby?
- What isn't there in your neighbourhood?

### ► Writing Task: My Street (5 Sentences)

Write **5 sentences** about your street or neighbourhood. Use **there is / there are** and at least one **negative** and one **question**.

#### Example:

**There's** a small café on my street — I go there every morning. **There are** two supermarkets and a pharmacy. **There isn't** a bookshop, but **there's** a library on Green Road. **Are there** any parks? Yes! **There's** a beautiful park with a lake.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### ★ Lesson Complete!

- ✓ I can say: **There's a café / There are shops**
- ✓ I can say: **There isn't / There aren't**
- ✓ I can ask: **Is there...? Are there any...?**
- ✓ I can describe my neighbourhood