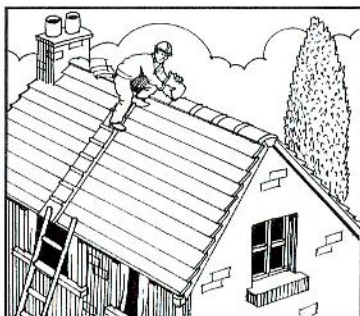
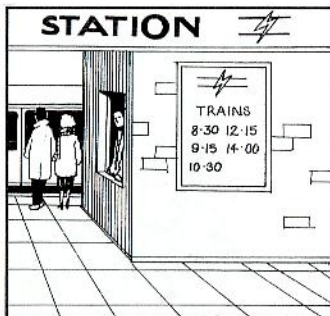


# there is there are

A



There's a man on the roof.



There's a train at 10.30.



There are seven days in a week.

singular

there is ... (there's)  
is there ... ?  
there is not ... (there isn't  
or there's not)

plural

there are ...  
are there ... ?  
there are not ... (there aren't)

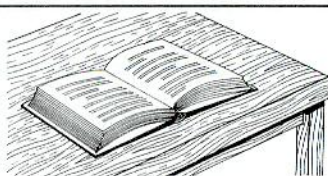
- There's a big tree in the garden.
- There's a good film on TV tonight.
- A: Have you got any money?  
B: Yes, there's some in my bag.
- A: Excuse me, is there a hotel near here?  
B: Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.
- We can't go skiing. There isn't any snow.

- There are some big trees in the garden.
- There are a lot of accidents on this road.
- A: Are there any letters for me today?  
B: Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.
- This restaurant is very quiet. There aren't many people here.
- How many players are there in a football team?
- There are 11 players in a football team.

B

there is and it is

there is



There's a book on the table.  
(not 'It's a book on the table.')

it is



I like this book. It's interesting.  
(it = this book)

Compare:

- 'What's that noise?' 'It's a train.' (it = that noise)  
There's a train at 10.30. It's a fast train. (it = the 10.30 train)
- There's a lot of salt in this soup.  
I don't like this soup. It's too salty. (it = this soup)

EXERCISES

36.1 Kenham is a small town. Look at the information in the box and write sentences about Kenham with **There is/are** or **There isn't/aren't**.

1	a castle?	No
2	any restaurants?	Yes (a lot)
3	a hospital?	Yes
4	a swimming pool?	No
5	any cinemas?	Yes (two)
6	a university?	No
7	any big hotels?	No

- 1 There isn't a castle.
- 2 There are a lot of restaurants.
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....

36.2 Write sentences about your town (or a town that you know). Use **There is/are/isn't/aren't**.

- 1 There are a few restaurants.
- 2 There's a big park.
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

36.3 Put in **there is / there isn't / is there / there are / there aren't / are there**.

- 1 Kenham isn't an old town. There aren't any old buildings.
- 2 Look! ..... a photograph of your brother in the newspaper!
- 3 'Excuse me, ..... a bank near here?' 'Yes, at the end of the street.'
- 4 ..... five people in my family: my parents, my two sisters and me.
- 5 'How many students ..... in the class?' 'Twenty.'
- 6 'Can we take a photograph?' 'No, ..... a film in the camera.'
- 7 '..... a bus from the city centre to the airport?' 'Yes. Every 20 minutes.'
- 8 '..... any problems?' 'No, everything is OK.'
- 9 ..... nowhere to sit down. .... any chairs.

36.4 Write sentences with **There are ...**. Choose from the boxes.

<del>seven</del>	twenty-six
nine	thirty
fifteen	fifty

letters	<del>days</del>
players	days
planets	states

September	the solar system
the USA	<del>a week</del>
a rugby team	the English alphabet

- 1 There are seven days in a week.
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

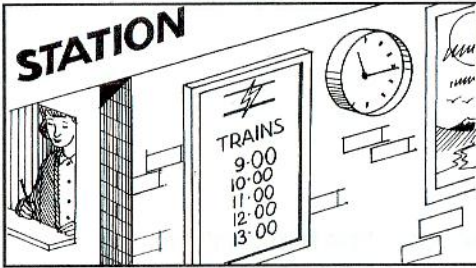
36.5 Put in **there's / is there / it's / is it**.

- 1 'There's a train at 10.30.' 'Is it a fast train?'
- 2 I'm not going to buy this shirt. .... very expensive.
- 3 'What's wrong?' '..... something in my eye.'
- 4 ..... a red car outside the house. .... yours?
- 5 '..... anything on television tonight?' 'Yes, ..... a film at 8.15.'
- 6 'What's that building?' '..... a school.'
- 7 '..... a restaurant in this hotel?' 'No, I'm afraid not.'

there was/were  
there will be

there has/have been

**A** there was / there were (past)



**There is** a train every hour.

The time now is 11.15.

**There was** a train at 11 o'clock.

Compare:

**there is/are** (present)

- **There is** a good film on TV tonight.
- We are staying at a very big hotel. **There are** 250 rooms.
- **Are there** any letters for me this morning?
- I'm hungry but **there isn't** anything to eat.

**there was/were** (past)

- **There was** a good film on TV last night.
- We stayed at a very big hotel. **There were** 250 rooms.
- **Were there** any letters for me yesterday?
- When I got home, I was hungry but **there wasn't** anything to eat.

**B** there has been / there have been (present perfect)



- Look! **There's been** an accident. (**there's been** = there **has** been)
- This road is very dangerous. **There have been** many accidents.

Compare **there was** (past):

- **There was** an accident **last night**. (not 'There has been an accident last night.')

For *past simple* and *present perfect* see Unit 20.

**C** there will be



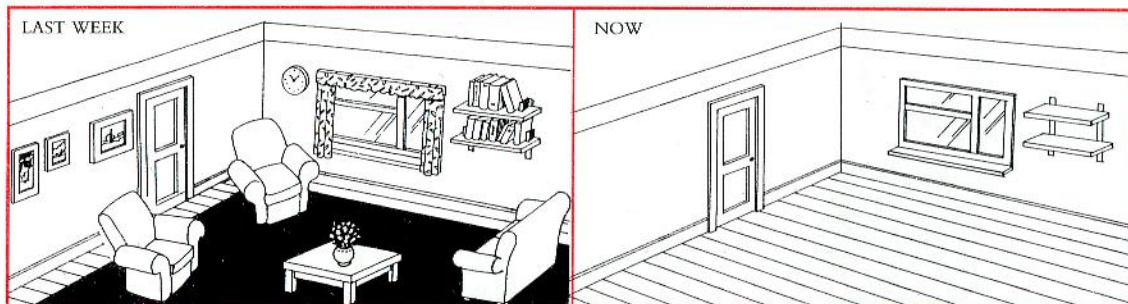
- Do you think **there will be** a lot of people at the party on Saturday?
- The manager of the company is leaving, so **there will be** a new manager soon.
- I'm going away tomorrow. I'll do my packing today because **there won't be** time tomorrow. (**there won't be** = there **will not be**)

EXERCISES

37.1

Look at the two pictures. Now the room is empty but what was in the room last week? Write sentences with **There was ...** or **There were ...** + the words in the list.

- an armchair    a carpet    some flowers    a sofa  
 some books    a clock    three pictures    a small table



- 1 There was a clock on the wall near the window.
- 2 ..... on the floor.
- 3 ..... on the wall near the door.
- 4 ..... in the middle of the room.
- 5 ..... on the table.
- 6 ..... on the shelves.
- 7 ..... in the corner near the door.
- 8 ..... opposite the door.

37.2

Put in **there was / there wasn't / was there / there were / there weren't / were there**.





- 1 I was hungry but there wasn't anything to eat.
- 2 Were there any letters for me yesterday?
- 3 ..... a football match on TV last night. Did you see it?
- 4 'We stayed at a very nice hotel.' 'Did you? ..... a swimming pool?'
- 5 'Did you buy any eggs?' 'No, ..... any in the shop.'
- 6 The wallet was empty. .... any money in it.
- 7 '..... many people at the meeting?' 'No, very few.'
- 8 We didn't visit the museum. .... enough time.
- 9 I'm sorry I'm late. .... a lot of traffic.
- 10 Twenty years ago ..... many tourists here. Now there are a lot.

37.3

Put in **there + is / are / was / were / has been / have been / will be**.

- 1 There was a good film on TV yesterday evening.
- 2 ..... 24 hours in a day.
- 3 ..... a party at the club last Friday but I didn't go.
- 4 'Where can I buy a newspaper?' '..... a shop at the end of the street.'
- 5 'Why are those policemen outside the bank?' '..... a robbery.'
- 6 When we arrived at the cinema, ..... a long queue to see the film.
- 7 When you arrive tomorrow, ..... somebody at the station to meet you.
- 8 Ten years ago ..... 500 children at the school. Now ..... more than a thousand.
- 9 Last week I went back to the town where I was born. It's very different now. .... a lot of changes.
- 10 I think everything will be OK. I don't think ..... any problems.

**A** We use **it** for *time/day/distance/weather*:

<p><i>time</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What time is <b>it</b>?</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> half past ten.</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> late.</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> time to go home.</li> </ul>
<p><i>day</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What day is <b>it</b>?</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> Thursday.</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> 16 March.</li> <li>● <b>It</b> was my birthday yesterday.</li> </ul>
<p><i>distance</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>It's</b> three miles from our house to the city centre.</li> <li>● How far is <b>it</b> from London to Bristol?</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> a long way from here to the station.</li> <li>● We can walk home. <b>It</b> isn't far.</li> </ul> <p>We use <b>far</b> in <i>questions (is it far?)</i> and <i>negatives (it isn't far)</i>. We use <b>a long way</b> in <i>positive sentences (it's a long way)</i>.</p>
<p><i>weather</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>It's</b> raining. <b>It</b> isn't raining. Is <b>it</b> snowing?</li> <li>● <b>It</b> rains a lot here. <b>It</b> didn't rain yesterday. Does <b>it</b> snow very often?</li> <li>● <b>It's</b> warm/hot/cold/fine/cloudy/windy/sunny/foggy/dark <i>etc.</i></li> <li>● <b>It's</b> a nice day today.</li> </ul> <p>Compare <b>it</b> and <b>there</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>It rains</b> a lot in winter. <b>There</b> is a lot of rain in winter.</li> <li>● <b>It</b> was very windy. <b>There</b> was a strong wind yesterday.</li> </ul>

**B** **It's nice to ... etc.**

It's	easy / difficult / impossible / dangerous / safe expensive / interesting / nice / wonderful / terrible <i>etc.</i>	to ...
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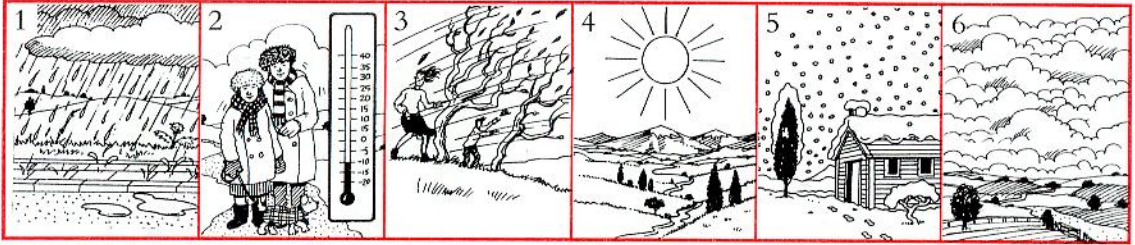
- **It** 's nice **to see you again**. (**it** = to see you again)
- **It's** impossible **to understand her**. (**it** = to understand her)
- **It** wasn't easy **to find your house**. (**it** = to find your house)

**C** Don't forget **it**:

- **It's** raining again. (*not* 'Is raining again')
- Is **it** true that you are going away? (*not* 'Is true that ...')

EXERCISES

38.1 Write about the weather in the pictures. Use **It's** ...



- 1 *It's raining.* ..... 4 .....  
 2 ..... 5 .....  
 3 ..... 6 .....

38.2 Put in **it is (it's)** or **is it**.

- 1 What time *is it* ?  
 2 We must go now. .... very late.  
 3 ..... true that Bill can fly a helicopter?  
 4 'What day ..... today? Tuesday?' 'No, ..... Wednesday.'  
 5 ..... ten kilometres from the airport to the city centre.  
 6 ..... possible to phone you at your office?  
 7 'Do you want to walk to the restaurant?' 'I don't know. How far ..... ?'  
 8 ..... Linda's birthday today. She's 27.  
 9 I don't believe it! ..... impossible.

38.3 Write questions with **How far ... ?**

- 1 (here / the station) ..... *How far is it from here to the station?* .....  
 2 (the hotel / the beach) How .....  
 3 (New York / Washington) .....  
 4 (your house / the airport) .....

38.4 Put in **it** or **there**.

- 1 *It* rains a lot in winter. 6 I was afraid because ..... was very dark.  
 2 *There* was a strong wind yesterday. 7 ..... was a storm last night. Did you  
 3 ..... was a nice day yesterday. hear it?  
 4 We can't go skiing. .... isn't any snow. 8 ..... 's a long way from here to the  
 5 ..... 's hot in this room. Open a window. nearest shop.

38.5 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

it's	easy	dangerous	to	work in this office	<del>get up early</del>
	<del>difficult</del>	nice		visit different places	go out alone
	impossible	interesting		see you again	make friends

- 1 If you go to bed late, *it's difficult to get up early* ..... in the morning.  
 2 Hello, Jill. .... How are you?  
 3 ..... There is too much noise.  
 4 Everybody is very nice at work. ....  
 5 I like travelling. ....  
 6 A lot of cities are not safe. .... at night.

# 1 The sentence

## 1.1 Sentence word order

### 1.1A The basic word order of an English sentence [> LEG 1.3]

Study:  
□

The meaning of an English sentence depends on the word order.

- 1 We put the subject before the verb and the object after the verb:  
*The cook | burnt | the dinner.*
- 2 Adverbials (*How?*, *Where?*, *When?*) usually come after the verb or after the object:  
*He read the note **quickly**. (*How?*) I waited **at the corner** (*Where?*) **till 11.30**. (*When?*)*
- 3 The basic word order of a sentence that is not a question or a command is usually:  

subject	verb	object	adverbials		
			<i>How?</i>	<i>Where?</i>	<i>When?</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>bought</i>	<i>a hat</i>			<i>yesterday.</i>
<i>The children</i>	<i>have gone</i>			<i>home.</i>	
<i>We</i>	<i>ate</i>	<i>our meal</i>	<i>in silence.</i>		
- 4 We also put the time reference at the beginning: **Yesterday I bought a hat.** [> 7.2A]

Write 1:

- a Rewrite the sentences that don't make sense.
  - b Mark all the sentences in the exercise S V O to show Subject, Verb, Object.
- 1 Has set John Bailey a new high-jump record. *(S) John Bailey (V) has set (O) a new high-jump record.*
  - 2 The passport examined the passport officer. ....
  - 3 These biscuits don't like the dogs. ....
  - 4 The shop assistant is wrapping the parcel. ....
  - 5 Have seen the visitors the new buildings. ....
  - 6 My father didn't wash the dishes. ....
  - 7 The pipe is going to fix the plumber. ....
  - 8 Will the goalkeeper catch the ball? ....
  - 9 Has the meal enjoyed the guest? ....
  - 10 Can't play John the game. ....

Write 2:

- a Arrange these words in the right order. Use a capital letter to begin each sentence.
  - b Mark each rewritten sentence S V O M P T to show:  
Subject, Verb, Object, Manner (*How?*), Place (*Where?*), Time (*When?*).
- 1 till 11 o'clock this morning | slept | the children *(S) The children (V) slept (T) till 11 o'clock this morning.*
  - 2 the papers | into the bin | he threw. ....
  - 3 I don't speak | well | English. ....
  - 4 hides | Mrs Jones | her money | under the bed. ....
  - 5 carefully | this suitcase | you didn't pack. ....
  - 6 on this shelf | I left | this morning | some money. ....
  - 7 from the bank | a loan | you'll have to get. ....
  - 8 the phone | in the middle of the night | woke me up. ....
  - 9 in the park | you shouldn't walk | at night. ....
  - 10 your food | you should eat | slowly. ....
  - 11 my term | begins | in October. ....
  - 12 your article | I | quickly | last night | in bed | read. ....