

THERE IS, THERE ARE, THERE WILL BE

1. How many people are there in your family?

There are 5 people in my family.

2. Where is your backpack/schoolbag?

It is here, or it is on the floor, or it is behind my chair.

3. How many students/desks/etc are there in the class?

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Name something singular in the classroom.

Students to answer using complete sentences:

There is a/one	in the room.	blackboard/teacher/door
There is a	on my desk.	book/pen/ruler/etc.

Write this on the board:

Name something plural in the classroom.

Students to answer using complete sentences:

There are	_ in the room.	windows/students/shoes/etc
There are	_ in the room.	girls/boys/ears/elbows/etc.

In English when we talk about one thing or person, we use *there be* as *there is* for singular and non-countable nouns and *there are* for plural and countable nouns. Use *there will be* to talk about the future of something or someone.

There is = singular and non-countable nouns.

There are = plural and countable nouns.

There will be = the future of something or the future happening of an event.

Round-Robin Practice

Ask various students to make some *there is* and *there are* sentences about classroom objects. If your students do this exercise easily, challenge them with things on campus, in the street, or at home.