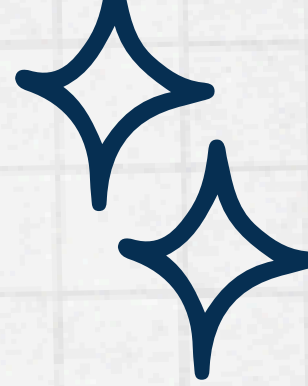


UNIT 37

THERE IS AND THERE ARE

Expressing Existence



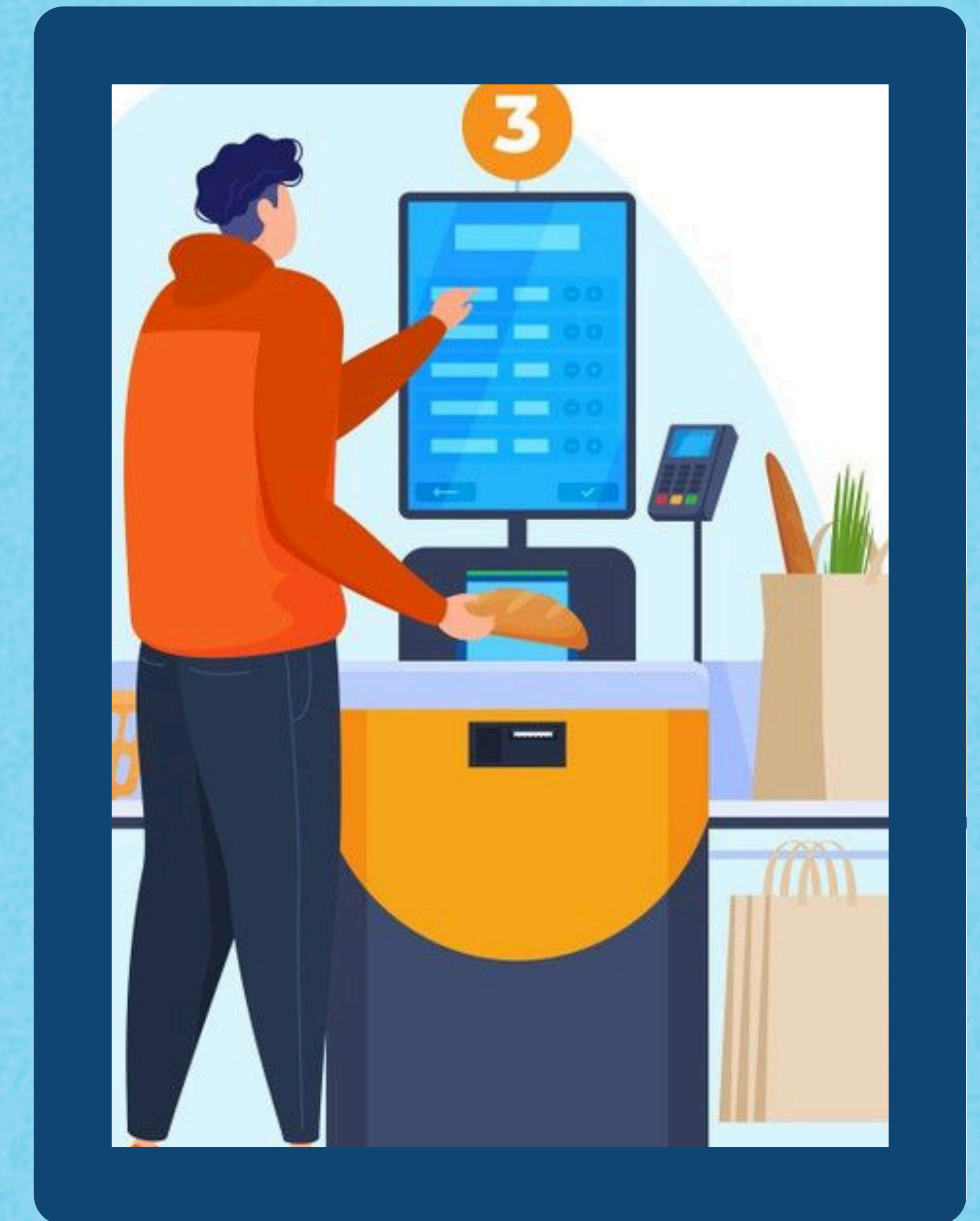


UNDERSTANDING THERE IS AND THERE ARE

"There is" and "there are" are used in English to express the existence of something.

The basic structure is:

There + verb "to be" (is/are) + noun





✧ "THERE IS"



"There is" is used with singular nouns.
This means it's used when you're talking
about one thing.

Example:

"There is a book on the table."

"There is" can also be contracted to
"there's" in informal speech.

Example:

"There's a dog in the yard."

THERE ARE

"There are" is used with plural nouns.
This means it's used when you're talking
about more than one thing

Example:

There are several students in the classroom

"There are" cannot be contracted like
"there is" (which can become "there's").
You always use "there are" in its full
form.





WHY ARE "THERE IS" AND "THERE ARE" NEEDED?



01

To make general statements:

Example: "There are many different cultures
in the world."

02

Describe a situation:

Example: "There are a lot of people at the party."

03

Ask questions about existence:

Example: "Is there a library nearby?"

Example: "Are there any apples in the fridge?"

NEGATIVES

To form the negative of "there is" and "there are," we simply add "not" after "there."

Negative of "there is":

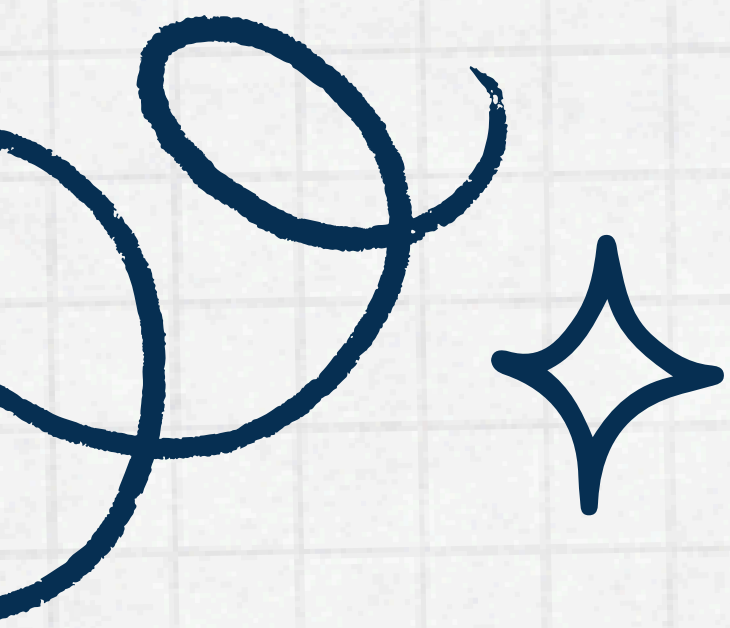
There is not/ There isn't

There isn't a single cloud in the sky.

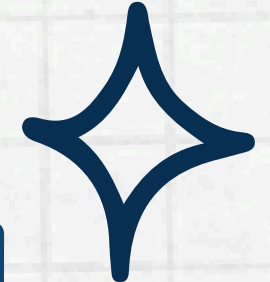
Negative of "there are":

There are not/ There aren't

There aren't many books on the shelf.



OTHER TENSES



Past Tense

There was: Used for singular nouns.

Example: There was a cat on the street yesterday.

There were: Used for plural nouns.

Example: There were many people at the party last night.

Future Tense

There will be: Used for both singular and plural nouns.

Example: There will be a test tomorrow.

Example: There will be many guests at the wedding.

THANKS!



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