

A. there is / there are (Singular & Plural)

- **There's** a man on the roof. • **There's** a train at 10.30. • **There are** seven days in a week.

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

B. there is vs. 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*)