

there was / were • there has / have been • there will be**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.

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'*)

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*)