



UNIT 6: THE OLD HOUSE



GRAMMAR NOTES

We use **There is** and **There are** to talk about things in a place.

1 THERE IS / THERE'S



Use **There is** or **There's** for

ONE thing.

There is = There's

Examples:

- There is a spider.
→ **There's** a spider.
- There is a monster.
→ **There's** a monster.
- There is an old house.
→ **There's** an old house.



REMEMBER:
There is + a/an + one thing

2 THERE ARE

Use **There are** for

TWO OR MORE things.



Examples:

- There are four cats.
- There are two bats.
- There are three chairs.



REMEMBER:
There are + number + plural noun

ASKING QUESTIONS

3 IS THERE...?

Use **Is there...?** to ask about **ONE** thing.



Example:

Is there a monster?



✓ **YES**

Yes, there is.

✗ **NO**

No, there isn't.

More examples:



Is there a cat?

Yes, there is.



Is there a ghost?

No, there isn't.



Is there a bedroom?

Yes, there is.

4 ARE THERE...?

Use **Are there...?** to ask about **TWO OR MORE** things.



Example:

Are there any rats?



✓ **YES**

Yes, there are.

✗ **NO**

No, there aren't.

More examples:



Are there any cats?

Yes, there are.



Are there any bats?

No, there aren't.



Are there any monsters?

Yes, there are.

5 HOW MANY...?

Use **How many...?** to ask about the **NUMBER** of things.



Structure:

How many + plural noun + are there?

Examples:



How many cats are there?
→ There are **four** cats.



How many chairs are there?
→ There are **three** chairs.



How many monsters are there?
→ There are **two** monsters.

QUICK COMPARISON

	ONE	TWO OR MORE
	There's a monster.	There are two monsters.
	Is there a cat?	Are there any cats?
✓	Yes, there is.	Yes, there are.
✗	No, there isn't.	No, there aren't.
?	How many cats are there?	How many cats are there?
1	There is one cat.	4 There are four cats.

EASY GRAMMAR RULE

ONE →
THERE IS / THERE'S



There's a cat.

TWO OR MORE →
THERE ARE



There are three cats.

REMEMBER!

IS = ONE (There is / There's)
ARE = MANY (There are)

The magic question:
How many
—
are there?

Let's practice!



Look around your classroom or your house.
Ask and answer using **There is**, **There are**,
Is there, **Are there** and **How many**!

